

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

JUL 31 1976

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby amend my June 17, 1976, declaration of a "major disaster" for the Northern Mariana Islands to read as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the Northern Mariana Islands resulting from Typhoon Pamela, beginning about May 20, 1976, and from Typhoon Therese, beginning about July 13, 1976, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under Public Law 93-288. I therefore declare that such a major disaster exists in the Northern Mariana Islands.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate, from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of Section 313(a), Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, shall be for a period not to exceed six months following the date of this declaration.

This amendment is being made so that assistance may be provided to those areas of the Northern Mariana Islands which sustained damage resulting from Typhoon Therese beginning about July 13, 1976.

Sincerely,

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