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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT FOR FUNDS TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR DISASTER VICTIMS OF TETON DAM, JUNE 11, 1976
I AM TODAY SENDING TO THE CONGRESS A REQUEST FOR

AN APPROPRIATION OF 200 MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS

FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FLOOD DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE COLLAPSE

OF THE TETON DAM IN IDAHO. IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE REQUIRED,

I WILL REQUEST FURTHER APPROPRIATIONS LATER.

THESE FUNDS WILL COMPLEMENT ON-GOING FEDERAL

DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE FURTHER RELIEF FOR INJURIES

AND DAMAGES INFLICTED BY THE FLOOD. CLAIMS WILL BE

ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, IN ACCORDANCE

WITH REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY, AND WILL BE

AVAILABLE TO CLAIMANTS AT RELIEF CENTERS NOW IN OPERATION.
I URGE THE CONGRESS TO ACT PROMPTLY ON MY
APPROPRIATION REQUEST TO ENSURE THAT THE VICTIMS OF THIS
TRAGIC CATASTROPHE CAN REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND COMMUNITIES.

I AM ALSO DIRECTING ALL CABINET OFFICERS AND HEADS
OF APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION
WITH THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERAL DISASTER
ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION TO DELIVER THIS AND OTHER FEDERAL
DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES INJURED BY
THE FLOOD.

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