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THE PROCEEDING HAS BEEN . . .

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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