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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today declared an emergency for the State of Alaska because of the impact of the loss of power generating capability. The President's action will permit the use of Federal funds in relief efforts in designated areas of the State.

The emergency situation in the City of Kodiak resulted from a fire which severely damaged large generators belonging to the Kodiak Electric Authority, and the subsequent loss of a United States Coast Guard generator which had been assisting in supplying power to the City. The President's declaration of an emergency will allow the Federal Government to provide supplementary generators to temporarily restore power to the affected community until permanent restoration of power is accomplished.

Federal relief activities in Alaska will be coordinated by the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the direction of Administrator Thomas P. Dunne. Mr. Dunne will designate the specific areas within the State eligible for Federal assistance.

Mr. William H. Mayer, Regional Director for Federal Disaster Assistance, HUD Region X, will be designated as the Federal Coordinating Officer to work with the State in providing Federal emergency assistance under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Public Law 93-288.

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