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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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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