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Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 14973 - International Tijuana River Flood Control Project. This bill amends existing law to reduce the appropriation authorization and modify certain conditions with respect to the construction of the International Tijuana Flood Control Project, Tijuana River Basin.

In 1944, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty for the utilization of waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and the Rio Grande. Ten years ago, in accordance with the provisions of this treaty, Congress authorized the International Tijuana Flood Control Project which called for joint U.S. - Mexico construction, operation and maintenance of an international flood control project for the Tijuana River.

The bill will:

- reduce the appropriation authorization to the sum of \$10.8 million based on June, 1976 prices; and,
- authorize the Secretary of State to participate financially with non-Federal interests in the acquisition of lands necessary for the project, contingent upon San Diego furnishing its share of the funds for land acquisition.

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