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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today declared an emergency for the State of North Dakota because of the impact of severe flooding beginning about March 20, 1976. The President's action will permit the use of Federal funds in the provision of temporary housing for those families who have lost their homes as a result of the severe flooding.

Federal relief activities in North Dakota 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, based upon Federal and State damage assessments.

Mr. Donald G. Eddy, Regional Director of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, HUD Region VIII, 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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