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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford has become an unofficial sponsor of the Honduran Reconstruction Fund (HRF), an organization to raise funds for the reconstruction of houses and farms destroyed on the Honduras by Hurricane Fifi, which struck Sept. 20.

Due to a requirement for limited activity following her surgery, Mrs. Ford is unable to be an active sponsor of the project. But because of her belief in the importance of the work of HRF, she has asked that her support of the project be known.

The Honduran Reconstruction Fund is a private sector organization. It is working to rebuild houses and farms at low cost and to deal directly with the small farmer to bring his farm back into production.

The work of the foundation was brought to Mrs. Ford's attention after students in the Washington, D.C., area last week raised enough money in a 24-hour period to buy three houses for displaced families.

HRF was created by the Pan American Development Foundation, founded by the Organization of American States in 1962 to stimulate and coordinate private sector activities in pursuit of Alliance for Progress objectives.

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