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NOTE FOR ED / TIM:

Re: Coliseum Event

COLISEUM -  
ARMY/NAT GUARD

Greeters at LA Coliseum

1. Major General Marvin Cobault, Joint Task Force Commander
2. Brigadier General Marvin Hopgood, Marine Force Commander
3. Major General Daniel Hernandez, Army Force Commander
4. Deputy Chief Matt Hunt, Los Angeles Police Department

Military and Law Enforcement Components in Audience

1. 7th Infantry Division (active)
2. 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (active)
3. 40th Infantry Division (National Guard)
4. Los Angeles Police Department
5. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
6. California Highway Patrol
7. Rapid Transit District Police
8. Local Law Enforcement Agencies from surrounding cities/towns
9. F.B.I.
10. U.S. Marshall Service
11. D.E.A.
12. U.S. Customs Service

Please put in  
the LA Riot  
Anecdotes (?)  
research file  
(early May)

There will be approximately 1000 military personnel and between 300 and 500 law enforcement officers.

*Call Weds. am  
for update  
639-3147*

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**FACT SHEET**  
**Civil Disturbance in Los Angeles**

The following statistics are as of 0547 hours (PDT)  
Sunday, May 3, 1992

<b>Mass Care</b>	
Meals served.....	5,388
Snacks served. <i>(pass. to chockers)</i> .....	9,100
Current number of mobile feeding vehicles.....	7
Number of mobile feeding vehicles to date.....	8
Number of shelters currently open.....	2
Current number of shelter residents.....	110

Shelter locations: Dorsey High School  
3537 Farmdale Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA

Belmont High School  
1575 W. 2nd Street  
Los Angeles, CA

Number of shelters and evacuation centers open to date 6

Disaster Health Services - (According to County EOC,  
Department of Health Services Representative)  
Number of persons injured..... 2,116  
Of those critically injured are..... 198

Number of deaths (according to County Coroner)..... 46  
Number of deaths occurring in hospital..... 20  
Number of deaths occurring in the field..... 24

**Red Cross Staffing**  
Current number of Red Cross workers..... 195

**Feeding:**  
Continues at this hour for CHP (California Hwy. Patrol)  
command post

**\*\* Additional Activity:**  
Supplying cots to LAPD and CHP for their use

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DAVE GIROUX - MEDIA ASSOCIATE  
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Red Cross provided cots, food and volunteer assistance to 25 children [they really were elementary age] in a South Central Los Angeles school [Windsor High School] when they couldn't get home -- because of the riot.

LA County Chapter of the American Red Cross responded to the crisis before Washington even knew what was happening; stayed all night to set-up command centers, no lag-time to response.

I enjoyed speaking with you, and have assembled the background material you requested. Enclosed are the following:

- Disaster Newsletter (5/5/92) from L.A. Emergency
- National Headquarters News Release (4/28/92) on \$30 million appeal for the Red Cross disaster relief fund
- Elizabeth Dole opening statement, 4/28/92 News conference, announcing disaster relief campaign
- News Release (5/5/92) from Humboldt Co. Earthquake, Northern California

As we discussed yesterday, the L.A. emergency and Humboldt County earthquake are only two examples of recent Red Cross disaster relief operations which have attracted some attention from the media. Examples of other recent operations (4/17-27) which you may NOT have heard of include:

**4/20/92 Mississippi tornadoes:** 88 families affected in 7 counties; estimated cost of Red Cross relief operation: \$47,200

**4/21/92 North Carolina floods:** 25 families affected; 25 mobile homes and apartments damaged or destroyed; estimated cost of Red Cross relief operation: \$36,900

**4/21/92 Virginia floods:** 306 homes in Roanoke damaged or destroyed; estimated cost of Red Cross relief operation: \$214,000

**4/22/92 Riverside County, California plane crash:** 16 deaths; Red Cross provided mass care and disaster mental health counseling for victims, families, and airport and rescue personnel.

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Subject: Background Material--  
Red Cross Disaster Relief



DISASTER NEWSLETTER #2 - DR# 750 Los Angeles Emergency

Tuesday, May 5, 1992

As calm returns to Southern California, the American Red Cross continues to provide assistance for families and individuals who lost their homes and apartments to fire during the civil disturbances.

While media reports in the initial days focused on the burning of businesses and commercial property, it has become evident that many residential properties also were destroyed. Red Cross damage assessment teams were deployed throughout the area Monday, and with only about 10 to 20 percent of the assessment completed, found 344 living units to be affected---mostly destroyed. Hundreds of families have been left homeless.

The two shelters at Dorsey High School and Belmont High School are still open, and housed a total of 170 persons Monday night. Since it is anticipated that these shelters may be open for awhile, attempts are being made to provide entertainment and activities for the children. Lolly the Clown and pianist Bobby Pierce have visited Dorsey High. The city library will be providing storytellers (English and Spanish). And, the Church of the Brethren is providing child care services.

Disaster Health Services nurses have been providing a wide range of services in the shelter, and psychologist Dr. Robert Scott and a group of volunteer crisis counselors have been working with children and others in the shelters. Dr. Scott also has appeared several times on television with advice for those who have been affected emotionally by the disturbances.

The Dorsey High School shelter has been the center of attention from media throughout the area, the nation and the world. Among those who have visited the shelter, in addition to all of the local media, are Time and Newsweek magazines, Japanese radio and television, Canadian radio, the Sacramento Bee and Chicago Tribune newspapers, and many others. Calls from media around the world also have come into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Family services caseworkers have begun working individually with families and individuals to assess their disaster-caused needs, and help them resume normal living as quickly as possible.

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Residents of three apartment buildings that were among the first to be burned are being helped in the Los Angeles Chapter's West District headquarters. Caseworkers also are located in the shelters, and are providing outreach to victims at a housing unit in the Pico Union district where there were families affected. When the federal Disaster Application Centers (DAC) open at 10 a.m. on Friday, caseworkers will be located in each of those centers.

Red Cross disaster assistance for the fire victims may include the following: temporary housing and rental assistance; food; clothing; medical, nursing and hospital care; essential household items; replacement of personal occupational tools and supplies; replacement of health items, such as eye glasses or prosthetic devices; and minor home repairs that permit resident to move back into the home. Caseworkers also can refer victims to other agencies for assistance with other needs.

More than 300 Los Angeles Chapter disaster workers have been working around the clock to aid those affected by the disturbances.

The Long Beach Chapter conducted an extensive feeding operation for law enforcement, National Guard, U.S. Marines and public works crews. More than 5,100 meals were served, and about 300 snacks from three mobile canteens. About 120 Long Beach volunteer and paid staff helped with the mass care operation, and also provided assistance to 15 individuals affected by disturbances in that city. Support was provided to the chapter by disaster workers from the Orange County Chapter.

An added responsibility, as a result of the presence of military troops in the area, is that the Red Cross at the Long Beach Naval Station is now serving as the Red Cross representative for these military personnel. Emergency communications, and any other emergency assistance normally provided by Red Cross for these members of the military, must now be provided by the Naval Station Red Cross representative.

The Orange County Chapter also was extremely busy on its own. Initial response was to provide mass care feeding for the National Guard and California Highway Patrol. Activity required the opening of the chapter's headquarters, where they fielded calls from concerned citizens and those wishing to help. On Thursday, they received a donation of bottled water from Arrowhead that was delivered to the Santa Ana National Guard Armory. Cots were provided for the CHP command post at Los Alamitos. Comfort items were provided for emergency workers, and a generous donation of comfort items was made by Sav-On Drug Stores.

Responding to calls from residents who wished to volunteer, Orange County conducted training classes on Saturday, issuing 56

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certificates in two courses.

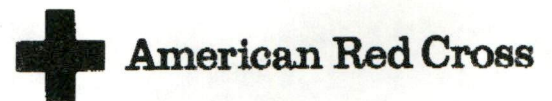
The Central Intake Unit at the Los Angeles Chapter, which receives all after hour calls for emergency assistance made to any of the chapters in the Los Angeles Region, is experiencing greatly increased traffic. Not only are there a great number of calls coming in related to needs as a result of the disturbances, but there are many more calls from military families, particularly those living in the affected areas and families of National Guardsmen, who need assistance. Many families have not received their monthly allotment checks because of the disruption of postal services, and have required financial assistance.

Red Cross blood collection facilities resumed normal operations on Monday. All centers closed midday on Thursday, and Los Angeles County facilities were also closed on Friday and Saturday. Usual shipments from outside the region have helped keep the community blood supply adequate.

Support from the community has been outstanding. KABC-TV is conducting an on-air fund raising campaign, with all funds to be contributed to Red Cross. Vons, and all its affiliate stores, from Fresno to San Diego, and including Las Vegas (total of 340), will have cannisters in place to collect funds for the disaster relief fund, and will promote the activity in advertising and on the radio. When Red Cross attempted to buy toys for the children in the shelters at K-Mart, the store would not accept vouchers for the toys, and instead donated the toys for the children.

Both Miller Brewing Co. and Evian are contributing water that will be served at Red Cross water stations located at each DAC when they open this week.

Those who wish to help victims of this and other disasters through the American Red Cross may send their contributions, earmarked "Disaster Relief Fund," to any Red Cross chapter or to the Los Angeles Chapter, American Red Cross, 2700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057.



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### RED CROSS SEEKS \$30 MILLION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

WASHINGTON, April 28--American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole today launched a \$30 million campaign to help replenish the organization's disaster relief fund that she described as being "in serious financial trouble." During a news conference here, Dole said the financial shortfall greatly jeopardizes the Red Cross' 110-year-old disaster relief program, which provides millions of people with food, shelter, medical items and other kinds of emergency assistance during disasters.

"Our ability to continue to provide people with the same high level of disaster relief is seriously threatened," Dole said. "We are coming to a tragic realization: without people's help now, disasters could leave others helpless later."

Dole cited an unprecedented number of disasters in the last two years--more than 55,000 in fiscal year 1990-91 alone, including 8,000 that required assistance from the headquarters--and a long, expensive list of disasters this fiscal year that have drained the relief funds.

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## RED CROSS SEEKS \$30 MILLION FOR DISASTER RELIEF --ADD ONE

Nine months into this fiscal year, the Red Cross has spent almost \$47 million in national funds alone, nearly twice the \$27.3 million that was budgeted this year for disaster relief. This amount does not include the millions of dollars chapters have spent responding to local disaster and emergencies.

In fiscal year 1989-90, the organization spent a record \$224 million in national and chapter funds to provide assistance to the victims of thousands of disasters, including Hurricane Hugo and the Northern California earthquake. In fiscal year 1990-91, more than \$184 million was spent to help disaster victims.

This fiscal year, the list of major disaster operations includes Cyclone Val that has cost the Red Cross more than \$12 million in disaster relief for the residents of American Samoa; mud slides in Puerto Rico topping more than \$6 million in relief costs; and floods throughout Texas, Louisiana and Southern California where the Red Cross estimates it will spend more than \$5 million to assist disaster victims.

With a depleted disaster budget, Dole says the organization has borrowed heavily against other assets to provide service to victims.

In a move to fund current services to disaster victims, Dole explained, the Red Cross eliminated 204 positions three weeks ago at its national headquarters here, imposed a hiring freeze last October, placed a moratorium on major purchases, cut travel budgets by 40 percent and reached into corporate reserves by \$22.6 million.

"Tens of thousands of families will be struck by disasters this year. They will turn to us for help, as they have for more than 100 years," Dole said. "If we are to provide the warm, dry shelter; the food, and the assistance they need to get back on their feet, we must get back on ours."

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