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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
FOR LOUISIANA HURRICANE DISASTER

- o President is announcing \$10 million in funds to create 5,000 short term jobs for Louisianians to clean up and restore essential public services in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.
- o The grant will be from the Secretary of Labor to the Governor under the emergency provisions of Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act, and is similar to assistance offered to other States in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo and the Bay Area earthquake from the Secretary's reserve account.
- o Funds may be used to employ workers dislocated by hurricane to
 - clean up
 - restore public utilities
 - rebuild public facilities (e.g., beach erosion)
 - provide needed public services (e.g., food and water distribution, shelter operation)
 - augment existing public employees where needed to provide public safety and health services
- o Louisianians unemployed by the effects of Hurricane Andrew are eligible for these jobs.
- o They may also be eligible for unemployment insurance, or for Disaster Unemployment Assistance, both providing weekly unemployment payments to workers displaced by the effects of the hurricane.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT
LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1992

I have come here today to ensure that the Federal government does everything it can to ease the suffering of the people of Louisiana. //

X Destruction in Louisiana already totals ~~over \$10~~ ^{with the} billions. Yet while the forces of nature can destroy property -- they cannot destroy true character. / This morning, I received Governor Edwards' request for a disaster declaration through FEMA -- the Federal Emergency Management Agency -- and I signed it immediately. //

X This declaration is already making available the full span of Federal disaster assistance programs to residents, businesses, and governments -- including \$77 million to your State to start emergency work. ^{This is just the seed money} I have appointed Transportation Secretary Andy Card to coordinate our Federal efforts, and I have been in contact with our national center in Washington and our regional center in Atlanta. //

These Centers are operating full-time -- 24 hours a day -- to put our disaster relief programs in place. // We are moving staff from other regional centers to Atlanta to provide needed backup. Also, our Catastrophic Disaster Response Group -- composed of all 27 Federal agencies -- is ensuring that they do

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everything within our power to help the state and local governments respond. //

We are now in the process of setting up a joint State-Federal field office to support the disaster relief effort. / This field office will have emergency power and water so that the Federal-State team can operate from within the most affected area. / ~~We have also opened~~ ^{we will be opening} Disaster Application Centers -- or "DACs" -- in the affected parts of Louisiana so those in trouble can apply for help. // ^{We will be opening Disaster Centers or "DACs"}

In the meantime, those who are in need of immediate help can find it. Just apply by telephone through our disaster tele-registration system: the phone number -- 1-800-462-9029. / There you will find disaster programs ready to make available several kinds of aid to victims of this terrible storm. / Temporary Housing Assistance for those who've lost their homes. / Grants to individuals and families for emergency needs such as food, clothing, or hospital expenses. / Damaged or destroyed businesses are eligible for loans from the Small Business Administration. / Flood insurance may also be available. //

All this the Federal government must, and will, do. Yet it's not -- can never be -- enough. / Destruction has arrived in Louisiana on the winds of a hurricane. Let's answer it as Americans always have: With the neighbor-helping-neighbor spirit that arrives on the wings of hope. //

Today, I ask communities and businesses to become involved - as already, you are. I salute companies like the Tabasco

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What nature has pulled apart is no match for people who pull together. All I can do I will do -- as your President, and as a friend. / You are in my thoughts, and acts -- and in the prayers of each American. God bless you -- and the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

New Iberia
Shelter damage

trying to move people
once weather clears up

farmers lost their crops

~~Just south of~~

Avery Island, home of Tabasco Sauce
they bottled on Tuesday am
then shut down
and converted into a shelter

New Iberia ^{Red} ~~cross~~ (318) 364-0423 ↗
Morgan City
~~(504)~~ (504) 384-9582

(Becky)
Rebecca Rogers, dir. of MRC
beeper (318) 369-0437
↑ beeper, dial my #

Elgy Mgmt. 318-369-4427 ↘

Miami tv → WTBJ
NBC affiliate 379-4444
CBS ~~affiliate~~ affiliate 593-0606

Miami
CNN ~~affiliate~~ ~~affiliate~~ 305-891-3582 will c/b

(CNN Atl. 404-827-1500)

Miami

personal stories stuff

✓ Linda x6797
re: Zoellick will get
us Stats on disaster relief

how disaster relief will be used

Image
Red Cross

| | |
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| Miami | |
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| 596-8735 | 324-2501 |
| 596-8930 | |
| 930-5627 | |

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Aug. 24/92

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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN

HURRICANE ANDREW - FLORIDA (Curt Smith)

ONCE AGAIN, THE WORST OF MOTHER NATURE HAS BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN AMERICANS.

YOU CAN EVACUATE PEOPLE FROM A DANGER AREA, BUT WHAT WE'VE SEEN HERE THE LAST 24 HOURS PROVES THAT SPIRIT AND COURAGE ARE NEVER EVACUATED FROM THE AMERICAN HEART.

HURRICANE-FORCE WINDS ARE NO MATCH FOR AMERICAN-FORCE GENEROSITY.

IF THE KIND OF TEAMWORK I'VE HEARD ABOUT HERE COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON, THE COUNTRY WOULD BE A LOT BETTER OFF.

~~WHEN~~ WHEN THE FORCES OF NATURE TRY TO TEAR LIVES APART, THE AMERICAN SPIRIT OF COURAGE, GENEROSITY AND DETERMINATION BRING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER.

HURRICANE ANDREW HAS CREATED DESTRUCTION, BUT IT HAS ALSO CREATED HEROES.

p6594
Heidi

Roy Clausen → Liddy Dole's press guy
Mike Carroll → Dir. Miami P. Cross

(let writer know Liddy Dole is there)

→ shelter roof collapsed
vols moved people out into storm
& into better part of shelter.
- minor cuts & bruises

POTUS landing in:
Opalaca, FL

mandatory evacuation orders

police of cr. used his cruiser to
ram a car

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AIRPORT ARRIVAL
~~MIAMI~~, FLORIDA
OPALACA

Secretary Dole, President of the American Red Cross.

[[OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]]. Whenever the American Family hurts, each of its members suffers. That is why I have come here today -- to do everything the Federal government can / to do all that we can / to ease the suffering of this great part of Florida. //

As I flew down here from Connecticut, I heard stories of unspeakable destruction. Homes ~~torn apart~~ ^{flattened by the wind and waves} -- cars ripped off the road. / More than a million people evacuated. / ~~People left~~ ^{Set} without blankets / without food or shelter. But as you have shown: People never without hope -- and never without each other. //

Hurricane Andrew is the first hurriance to hit directly the Miami area in a quarter-century. It has threatened lives and taken lives -- but it can't steal the American spirit. //

We see that in stories I've heard of senior citizens / young people / the Red Cross / local police and firemen -- each lending a hand / tending a wound / each helping neighbor help neighbor./

When the roof collapsed on a Red Cross shelter -- volunteers braved the wind and pounding rain to move victims to a safer ^{area} ~~port~~. / ~~[[In _]]~~ / In a State whose motto ^{is} ~~in~~ "In God we trust" -- you have not forsaken one another -- nor has He forsaken you./

— confirmed
— 8 deaths in
— Florida

— 25 years —
— first hurricane
— to hit Miami
— within a quarter
— of a century

— 1 million ordered
— to evacuate ^{business}

— Almost all damages
— Looters, on streets
— Highways closed
— w/ street lamps

- Nursing Home ~~in~~
Homestead

- Homestead - hard
hit

- Problems getting

- Migrant workers
walking chested
carrying infants
to safety

- Police officer ^{caution}

rammed to
and ^{can} get
out dangerous
area

[[Nor will our Administration. / This morning, we at the White House received through FEMA the Governor's request for a disaster declaration. I would like to announce that I have signed this declaration. / This will make the full span of Federal disaster assistance programs available to residents, businesses, and governments in the affected areas. //

Our national center in Washington and our Regional center in Atlanta are operating 24 hours a day to monitor damage and put our disaster relief programs in place. / We are moving staff from other regional centers to Atlanta to provide needed backup at this center. / Also, earlier today an Emergency Response Team - - composed of all 27 Federal agencies -- met in Washington to ensure that all our agencies do everything in our power to help Federal resources help the state and local governments. //

That's a start -- but it's not enough. So we are preparing to set up a disaster field office within the next day. / We have moved emergency power and water so that this office can operate right within the most affected area. / Within the next few days, we expect to open Disaster Application Centers -- or "DACs" -- in the affected part of South Florida so those suffered ^{ing} can apply for help. / In the meantime: Those who are in need of immediate help can apply by telephone through our disaster tele^{reg}istration system. The phone number is 1-800-462-9029. //

Through our disaster program, the government makes available several [↑] kinds of aid to victims of Andrew's wrath. / Disaster Housing Assistance for those who've lost their home. / Grants to

individuals and families for emergency needs such as food, clothing, or hospital expenses. / Damaged or destroyed businesses are eligible for loans from the Small Business Administration. / Flood insurance may be available. / One final point: I have been in touch with Governor Chiles and Secretary Cheney -- and we are ready to move in units of the United States Armed Forces to provide any emergency services. // Nat'l Guard moved in re: looters

All this and more we will do. I have come to help -- to learn -- to see how else we can ease your suffering. / I'm told this is possibly the worst storm in six decades. / Our hearts go out to you -- and so must our aid. Hurricane-force winds are no match for American-force generosity. //

Let me close on that personal note. / Once again, the worst of mother nature has brought out the best in Americans. The past 24 hours have shown how you can evacuate people from a danger area -- but that spirit and courage are never evacuated from the American soul. //

When the forces of nature try to tear lives apart -- the American character of courage, generosity, and determination bring people together. /

For that, ~~Barbara~~ and I salute you -- and pledge to stay with you -- in our hearts, and in our prayers. God bless you / we will get through this together / and may God bless the United States of America.

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LOOTERS!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. in Louisiana

→ shredding rooftops

→ rip homes from
foundations

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FEMA has released
\$ 77 mil to
Louisiana

\$ to allow them
to start doing
emergency work
~~and~~ sta

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~~A~~ assess sim. needs in
LA

~~We~~ must all chip in
and help.

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WASHINGTON

* billions \$ damage

military 2000 MRES to
FL

* FEMA ctrs. open in LA

* Andy card at coord.
federal efforts

* 10 mil o

5000 short term
PBSP

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DOT 366-4000

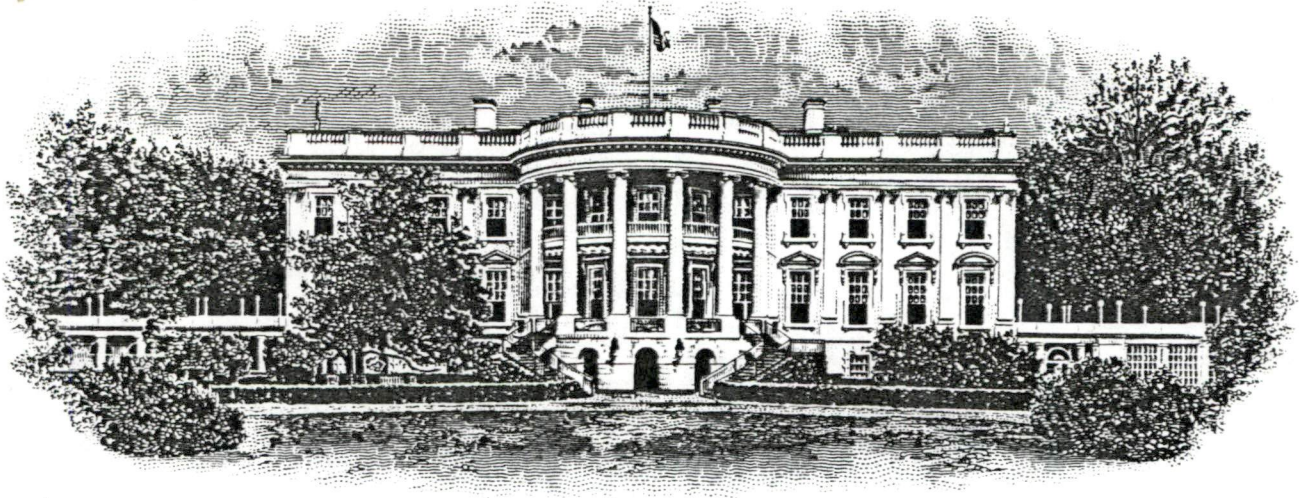
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Andy Card →
Federal
Coordinator

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Wally Stickney
or deputy
or Andy Card

Janet Hale
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COMMENTS

→ Has been sent to Mr. Zoellick.
Call ASAP w/ factual comments/changes.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AIRPORT ARRIVAL
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Secretary Dole, President of the American National Red Cross. When the American Family hurts, each of its members suffers.

That is why I have come here: To make sure the Federal government will do everything it can to help ease the suffering of the people of Florida. //

I want to let you know personally, at this terrible moment, that the rest of America is here to back you up, get good hard-working people back on their feet.

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units of the United States Armed Forces to provide any emergency services.]]

One final point: Some are tempted by tragedy. Well, I have a message for those who prey upon the vulnerable and innocent: If it doesn't belong to you, leave it alone. This is no time for looting, larceny, or lawlessness -- and our law enforcement agencies will not tolerate it. //

Let me close on a personal note. / Once again, the worst of mother nature has brought out the best in Americans. The past 24 hours have shown that. //

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When the roof collapsed on a Red Cross shelter -- volunteers braved the wind and pounding rain to move victims to a safer place. / When disaster struck, migrant workers -- bare-chested and exhausted -- walked miles to carry babies to safety.]] //

And a special word to those of you who have lost a loved one or friend, or are struggling with an inquiry: You've got more friends than you could know. We can never totally overcome your pain, but we're going to try. //

I salute all of you -- and pledge to stay with you -- in my heart, and in my prayers. God bless you / we will get through this together / and may God bless the United States of America.

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Morgan City Red Cross 504-384-9582

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