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Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The following information has been released by the White House Press Office in Washington, D. C. :

1. The President has declared a major disaster for the State of Arkansas as a result of tornadoes beginning about March 26, 1976, which caused extensive public and private property damage.
2. The President has declared a major disaster for the State of Oklahoma as a result of severe storms and tornadoes beginning on March 26, which caused extensive public, private, and agricultural damage.
3. The President has declared a major disaster for the State of Mississippi as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on March 26, 1976, which caused extensive public and private property damage.
4. The President has signed H. R. 8507 -- Per diem allowance for members of the American Battle Monuments Commission. This bill authorizes members of the Commission to receive premium per diem rates while traveling overseas on official business, and eliminates the need for further revisions in these rates by action of Congress.
5. The President has signed H. R. 12122 -- Appropriations authorization for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. This bill authorizes appropriations for: (1) the continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands through fiscal year 1977; (2) construction of buildings for a Micronesian community college; and (3) a human development project in the Marshall Islands.
6. The President has signed H. R. 3427 -- The Charles Carroll Medals -- to authorize the striking of the national medals in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of Declaration of Independence by Charles Carroll.
7. The President today designated the week beginning April 4, 1976, National Rural Health Week, to draw attention and to encourage solutions to the health problems of rural America.

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