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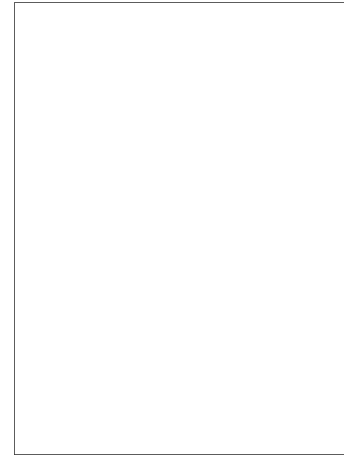
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SUBJECT: WGXLO1 HURRICAN GROUP SITREP 4, 0800 EDT

1. STATE AND AID OFFICIALS BRIEFED HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 9/15. WILL BRIEF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE 9/16. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN ASSESSMENT OF ASSISTANCE NEEDS IN STRICKEN COUNTRIES.
2. NO REPORTS OF AMERICAN DEATHS IN THE YUCATAN, BUT ONE US CITIZEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN MERIDA. MEXICANS REPORT FIVE MEXICAN DEATHS, FEW INJURED. COZUMEL, CANCUN AIRPORTS TOWERS DESTROYED, BUT AIRPORTS PARTIALLY OPEN.
3. EX-PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY RETURNED TO JAMAICA 9/14. HE CUT SHORT VISIT TO BERLIN. MET SEAGA AND DECLARED PNP READY FOR "100 PERCENT" COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT ON RELIEF.
4. AERIAL SURVEY OF JAMAICA BY AMBASSADOR WITH SEAGA REVEALED AREAS OF MAJOR DAMAGE. EASTERN END OF ISLAND HARDEST HIT; MOST HOUSING DESTROYED, CROPS FLATTENED. IN KINGSTON ALL POWER, MOST WATER, MOST TELEPHONES OUT, FOOD SHORTAGES AT SHELTERS. OTHER AREAS NOT BADLY IMPACTED.
5. HUMAN LOSSES IN JAMAICA HIGH. 19 CONFIRMED DEAD, 300,000 HOMELESS AND ANOTHER 100,000 IN SHELTERS.
6. USG ASSISTANCE FLOWS TO JAMAICA. BY 9/14 OFDA HAD ALREADY LIFTED IN USD 290,000 WORTH OF COMMODITIES (PLASTIC SHEETING, TENTS, WATER JUGS, CHAIN SAWS) IN SIX AIR LIFTS.
7. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AIDS JAMAICA. CANADA PLANS USD 1 MILLION IN RELIEF ASSISTANCE, U.K. SENDING USD 835,000 IN EMERGENCY SUPPLIES. DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES WILL MEET WITH SEAGA LATE THIS MORNING TO ASSESS PRIORITY NEEDS.

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