

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Designation of the A.I.D. Administrator as the
Special Coordinator for International Disaster
Assistance

In accordance with Section 493 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the President has designated the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) as Special Coordinator for International Disaster Assistance.

As Special Coordinator, the Administrator will be responsible for promoting maximum effectiveness and coordination in responses to foreign disasters by United States agencies and between the United States and other donors. These responsibilities include the formulation and updating of contingency plans for providing disaster relief.

The President has directed all executive departments and agencies to treat the Special Coordinator as the focal point for inter-agency deliberations on international disaster assistance for natural and man-made disasters. Since it is the responsibility of the Special Coordinator to consider those executive branch actions that have significant implications for U.S. responses to international disasters, the department and agency heads shall ensure that all such actions under consideration relating to international disasters come to the attention of the Special Coordinator in a timely manner.

The current A.I.D. Administrator, Mr. J. Brian Atwood, who already is responsible for the direction of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance and international disaster assistance programs authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act, will assume the role of Special Coordinator as of the date of this memorandum.



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