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## MORE DAKOTA EVENING NEWS ROUNDUP

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(FINCH--FLOOD)

(RAPID CITY)---FOLLOWING AN AIR TOUR OF RAPID CITY TODAY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ROBERT FINCH SAID THE NUMBER ONE CURRENT PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE SHORT-TERM HOUSEKEEPING AND SHELTER NEEDS.

FINCH ... SENT TO THE FLOOD-RAVAGED RAPID CITY BY PRESIDENT NIXON ... MET WITH STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS THIS AFTERNOON.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE FINCH SAID ..."NO MATTER HOW EFFECTIVE AN OPERATION IS, IT TAKES TIME TO GET EVERYTHING MOBILIZED." HE SAID IT WAS AN ACT OF GOD THAT THE NATIONAL GUARD HAPPENED TO BE ON DUTY AND IN TRAINING IN RAPID CITY WHEN THE FLOOD HIT.

FINCH FLEW OVER THE AREA HIT BY THE FLOOD AND SAID THE DAMAGE "BOGGLES THE MIND."

HE SAID THE PRESIDENT TELPHONED HIM IN CALIFORNIA YESTERDAY , REQUESTING THAT HE STOP AND ASSESS THE SITUATION AND TO MEET WITH OTHER FEDERAL , STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS .

(HIGHWAYS--FLOOD)

(THE DAMAGE TO IMMEDIATELY REPAIR HIGHWAYS IN THE RAPID CITY AREA WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED 16-MILLION DOLLARS.

THAT WAS THE ESTIMATE MADE TODAY BY GOVERNOR RICCHARD KNEIP.

HE SAID HOWEVER THE LOSS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EXCEED THIS AMOUNT AS THE REAL EXTENT OF DAMAGE BECOMES KNOWN IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

KNEIP SAID HIGHWAY DIRECTOR JACK ALLMON HAS BEEN IN RAPID CITY THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND MONITORING THE ROAD SITUATION.

HE SAID ALLMON HAS INSPECTED ALL BLACK HILLS ROADS AND BRIDGES AFFECTED BY THE WEEKEND FLOOD.

HOWEVER THE GOVERNOR SAID ROAD DAMAGES ARE NOT AS SEVERE AS EARLIER ANTICIPATED AND TRANSPORTATION CAN BE KEPT MOVING HOWEVER THERE IS SOME DETOURING AND NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION.