Dear Mr. Speaker:

Recently I transmitted to you a measure entitled "The Guam Shelter Act" which has become Bill No. 960 (LS). The bill is scheduled for hearing before the Committee on Ways and Means on October 20, 1992.

Representatives of this administration will be present at the hearing to present testimony in favor of the measure at its hearing. Subsequent events to introduction of the bill lead me to request two amendments.

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My representatives at the public hearing will be able to answer any questions that you may have regarding this housing initiative. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Cordially,

Governor
Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, we are pleased to appear before you today in support of this important housing initiative.

Subsequent to the transmittal by the Governor of what is now Bill No. 960 (LS) and the public hearing on the measure by the Committee on Ways & Means, several amendments have become necessary and are incorporated into the proposed substitute bill recently transmitted to the Speaker. Attached are copies of the proposed substitute bill, our testimony on Bill No. 960 (LS) before the Ways & Means Committee and other information which outline the need for the programs provided for in the bill and which relate some of the progress made on the projects since their inception.

We urge the Committee to consider the merits of the substitute version and support its passage during the next legislative session.

Mr. Chairman, in the wake of Typhoon Omar the Governor established an Emergency Housing Task Force to see to the needs of the hundreds of our residents left homeless by the storm. The focus of this group was to develop a housing program which would enable the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund the construction of homes for those of our people without the resources to rebuild. We are pleased to inform the Committee that FEMA has approved the Governor’s request to implement its Emergency Created Resource Program on Guam. Additionally about 75 families will be eligible for an SBA loan to rebuild their homes on the project site. What remains, Mr. Chairman, before we can take full advantage of this opportunity is the enactment of the provisions of this bill.
The proposed substitute bill provides for two housing programs. The first would allow GHC to expand its rental program by making land available for the construction initially of 200 additional rental units. The second would amend P.L. 21-72 by adjusting the preference systems under the land for the landless program to accommodate the emergency housing program. The bill also would appropriate the funds necessary to provide basic infrastructure within the project site.

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On Bill No. 960
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TESTIMONY

1. The Honorable Joseph F. Ada, Governor of Guam

The Honorable Joseph F. Ada, Governor of Guam submitted written testimony on Bill No. 960. Subsequent events to introduction of this bill lead the Governor to request two amendments.

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2. Mr. Peter J. Leon Guerrero, President, Guam Housing Corporation

Mr. Peter J. Leon Guerrero, President, Guam Housing Corporation submitted written testimony supporting Bill No. 960 and request the Committee to consider an amendment to the Bill as follows:

On Page 1, line 13 after the word "and", insert the following:

"are on the waiting list for rental housing or rental assistance at either Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority or Guam Rental Corporation. Second preference for rental of the units so developed shall be persons who are landless and have been verified homeless as a result of Typhoon Omar or a subsequent typhoon."

That GHURA and GRC have a combined waiting list of over 1,500 applicants for rental assistance, many of whom have been waiting for years for relief from the high rents demanded by the market. Also our people who have long awaited the government’s assistance, be afforded the opportunity to benefit from government sponsored housing projects.

Because of the shortage of affordable rental units, certainly aggravated by the destruction caused by Typhoon Omar, the Governor requested that Guam Housing Corporation and Guam Rental Corporation direct resources toward the development of additional rental units. The GRC Board of Directors has authorized the initial expenditure of $200,000 for project development contingent upon securing the necessary land. Our staff is coordinating with the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Governor’s financial advisor to explore funding sources for the project to include the possibility of borrowing against the equity in GRC-owned property.

Also, the GHC Board of Directors has authorized the creation of a planning and development division to handle the work associated with our real estate development activities along with program development for our mortgage lending operations.

As a side note, the Committee may be interested in knowing that the ongoing comprehensive housing study engaged by GEDA and GHC is taking into account the impact Typhoon Omar had on Guam’s housing market. The needs assessment component of the study should provide valuable data for our strategic planning efforts to include disaster mitigation.

Regarding Sections 3 and 4 of the Bill, the Governor has requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency to implement its Emergency Created Resources for
housing. This program enables FEMA to provide funding for the construction of houses where the disaster area requires emergency housing and no alternate housing is available. We expect approval for program implementation from FEMA headquarters shortly.

The plan calls for homes to be built for homeowners whose homes were destroyed by Typhoon Omar on those homeowners' land and on a group site for those homeowners who cannot rebuild a permanent structure.

The latter group are those who lived on land-use permit lands. Implementation of the ECR program on property suitable for residential use would provide permanent, typhoon-proof homes for these disaster victims and also enable the land-use permit lands to be returned to their original purpose of farming. By providing a site for construction, these residents would be able to own a home funded by FEMA, an SBA loan or both.

3. Mr. Leonard Lambardy, Housing Office, Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be providing funding for what we call a creative resource housing. In a community that has been hit by a disaster and has a major declaration like we have had here and you have a shortage of rental resources, we have a criteria that we can help people who have had their home destroyed by the typhoon and that home will be the primary residence and owner occupied. They would have no other alternate housing. They must have a site to build on and this is where GovGuam and FEMA are working together that an infrastructure be develop for the site and that our program can come in now and build a shelter for these people. We are looking now at a concrete type shelters.

Senator Gutierrez asked what are your resources and is there a limit?

It is limited to the number of folks eligible. The damages cost are original damages assessment figures, we had 901 homes that were destroyed, 1,200 that sustained major damage and a little over 3,500 that had what we call minor damage. We have potentially out of those people out there, the various program we have are rental assistance for folks or home repair money for folks and then we have that category of people who don’t fit either of those two programs.

We have a potential list of 448 applicants who could be eligible for one of these FEMA structures. We have inspected 166 of those units to date which leaves us 282 who are still on the process of inspecting. We hope to be done with that this time next week. So far of those 166 inspected, we have dropped 48 from the program because they were not eligible for various reasons. About 118 have been identified as eligible. If we can take those numbers and project it against the 282 that we have not gotten to yet, we can come up with potentially of about 315 eligible applicants broken up into private sites so that those folks that have their site to build on and then you have those folks that we are trying to work with here, getting
them a lot to build on through GovGuam and through infrastructure building. We probably have potentially right now 254 of those folks eligible. If these folks remain eligible throughout out the program then when the infrastructures are put together then out program will come in. We are going out for bids with these things and we will build a typhoon resistance structure for those applicants.

Senator Gutierrez asked Mr. Lambardy just how much will it cost to house these 262 into this project? Mr. Lambardy gave an estimate of about $9 to $12 million dollars in construction cost for emergency shelters. We are looking at about 254 units, the group site only. Mr. Leon Guerrero also stated that this 254 units is only for the site provided by the GovGuam should this Bill pass, there are also people whose homes were destroyed who have property that FEMA can build emergency shelters on.

Senator Gutierrez, “but you are not going to try to build a single detach unit for this project, it will be the cheapest possible to cluster them into apartment type complex, right?”

Mr. Leon Guerrero, “perhaps if I can clarify, there are two properties indicated in the Bill. One for a rental project that is totally local project, an extension of Lada Gardens and the other property will be for the program in conjunction with FEMA, to actually build homes own lots to be sold to people that were affected.”

Senator Gutierrez, “now we are using GovGuam property for that, but these owners will buy the property?”

Mr. Leon Guerrero, “yes, its property that has been identified under the land for the landless program.”

Mr. Leon Guerrero, “because we are anticipating putting the infrastructure into the site, we feel that it is no longer necessary to have the 100 by 100 lots and go to a smaller lot size. Therefore we intent to have it re-subdivided to 5,000 square foot lots.”

4. Ms. Patricia R. Botton, Western Pacific Association of Disable

Using the Americans with Disability Act and compliance that is required making these homes accessible at this point, we understand that the Department of Land Management and the Department of Public Works have not quite accepted that there is a law called the Americans with Disability Act. To give you a reminder of it, please go out and see the new sidewalks being build on Y-Sengsong road, they are not the least bit accessible. As a matter of fact, they are making two homes that have people in wheelchairs in them unable to leave their homes. We are very serious about this, we finally have a law and we are going to use that law. We are going to watch every inch of this building. The Americans with Disabilities Act says reasonable accommodations.
Mr. Leon Guerrero, "we are very sensitive to the needs of the disables, as a matter of fact one of the first issues that arose in the apartment complex proposal is accessibility to the handicap and conformance to the ADA."

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

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3. Expected earnings of the 1989 Water Bond construction fund. $820,000.


5. An estimated $500,000 in additional earnings from the construction fund f the 1985 Highway Bond.

6. Investment earnings from the 1992 Highway Bond construction fund in excess of appropriated amounts of $33.5 million. $2,200,000.

**TOTAL AVAILABLE:** $9,557,017.00.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Ways & Means recommends that Bill No. 960 be passed as Substituted by the Legislature.
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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker, 21st Guam Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is a bill containing a housing relief package for our victims of Typhoon Omar. It is our utmost desire, Mr. Speaker, that this package be approved swiftly and without delay, in order that we may begin the projects contained therein immediately and get the lives of our people back to normal.

It is our further desire that this package be implemented in order that Guam reduce the pattern of individuals and families being rendered homeless by typhoons such as Omar. To that end, this package consists of two sections.

The first section of the package involves the construction by GHC of 200 rental units on GovGuam land in Dededo. This would be of particular benefit for those persons who have no land.

Many individuals affected by the typhoon may have no land and insufficient financial resources to obtain either land or a house. Some of the homeless were actually renters prior to the storm. Our theory is that many who utilized this rental facility will qualify for Section 8 Housing Assistance, and thus, their rent will be subsidized and affordable. There is, in any case, a shortage of Section 8 - qualified rental units in Guam.

Legislative action is only necessary to designate the government property in Dededo for the purpose of constructing the rental area. Funding for the project can be handled by the Guam Housing Corporation using private lending resources and GHC equity as collateral.

The second section of the package involves amending Public Law 21-72, section 21, to provide individuals who were rendered homeless by the direct destruction of Typhoon Omar and who are landless and meet other
The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
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THE HONORABLE CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, CHAIRMAN
OCTOBER 27 1992

Submitted by
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am Peter
Leon Guerrero, President of Guam Housing Corporation. I
want to thank you for the invitation to appear before you
and represent the administration’s support of Bill No. 960
(LS).

We wish to begin by making reference to the attached
copy of the Governor’s October 16, 1992 letter to the
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GHURA and GRC have a combined waiting list of over
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