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FLOODS

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The nation speeds relief to five northeastern states, ravaged by the worst floods in their history.

President Eisenhower marshals the rehabilitation program, winging low over stricken areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut to inspect the damage. The President is grim-faced as he watches the devastation pass below -- the property damage estimated in billions of dollars -- the death toll, nearly two hundred lives -- the suffering beyond calculation.

Near Hartford, the President confers with the governors of the five states and federal officials. He urges all Americans to contribute through Red Cross to flood relief and announces immediate federal aid. A one hundred million dollar government program will help speed recovery from the chaos wrought by flood.