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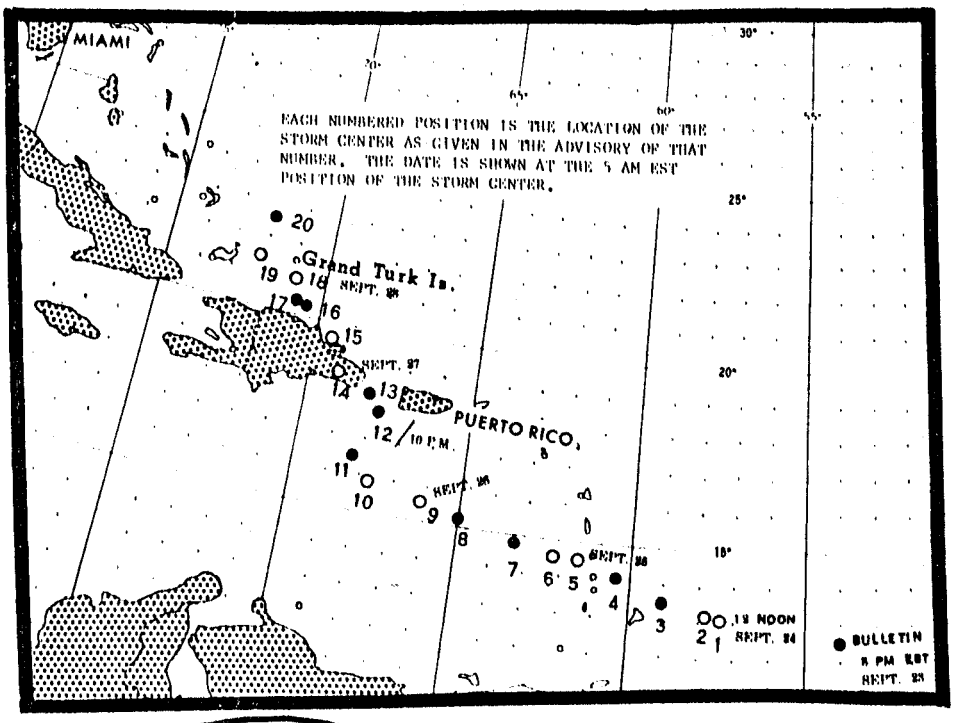

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON HURRICANE "EDITH", SEPTEMBER 23-28, 1963

Hurricane "Edith" formed in the southwestern North Atlantic on September 24, 1963, moved west northwestward through the Lesser Antilles, the northeastern Caribbean Sea, and eastern Haiti, and degenerated into a weakening tropical depression north of Hispaniola September 28.

Existence of a disturbance east of Barbados was first suspected when the Dutch tanker Acteon reported a south wind of 28 mph and surface pressure of 1010.1 millibars as it moved southward across the Intertropical Convergence Zone at 1800Z September 22. Photographs taken by TIROS VII at 1156 GCT September 23 showed a vortex with a circulation covering an extensive area located at 11N 52W. Reconnaissance aircraft reached the area by late afternoon and found winds of 29 mph and surface pressure 1005 millibars, but no definite radar pattern.

A bulletin was issued by the San Juan Weather Bureau at 9 PM AST September 23 indicating that a tropical depression has formed about 400 miles east of Barbados and that further intensification was expected.

An early morning reconnaissance flight on the 24th found winds of 70 mph and surface pressure 1004 millibars. The first advisory on "Edith" was issued by the San Juan Weather Bureau at 12 noon AST on the 24th indicating that the depression had reached tropical storm intensity and was located near 13.0N 57.3W. Later information from the reconnaissance aircraft showed that surface winds had increased to 80 mph with surface pressure 1000 millibars.

On the basis of this report, the San Juan Weather Bureau issued a special advisory at 2 PM AST on the 24th stating that "Edith" had reached hurricane intensity and was located about 120 miles east of Barbados moving toward the west northwest at 18 mph. Due to the hurricane's proximity to the Windward and Leeward Islands, hurricane warnings were issued in the special advisory for the area from Guadeloupe to St. Vincent and Barbados and gale warnings were issued northward from Guadeloupe to St. Maarten and southward from St. Vincent to Grenada. At 12 midnight AST September 25 a hurricane watch was made effective for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Hurricane "Edith" continued moving west northwest. The center passed across the island of St. Lucia at 4 AM AST September 25. After entering the Caribbean, "Edith" intensified slightly with highest winds 100 mph, but showed little change for the next 24 hours. As "Edith" advanced across the eastern Caribbean the hurricane watch was extended to include Haiti and the Dominican Republic; whole gale warnings were issued for the south coast of Hispaniola west of Santo Domingo and gale warnings were issued for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Dominican Republic east of Santo Domingo.

The center of "Edith" passed about 175 miles south of St. Croix, Virgin Islands at 4 AM AST on the 26th and at 12 Noon the same day hurricane warnings were issued for southern Haiti and southwestern Dominican Republic.

A dampening high-level circulation moved over Hurricane "Edith" on the 26th. Reconnaissance aircraft during the afternoon had difficulty in locating the eye. During the evening the hurricane became more disorganized, slowed down and turned toward the north northwest. Hurricane warnings were raised for eastern Dominican Republic and extreme western Puerto Rico and discontinued for western Hispaniola in a special advisory issued by the San Juan Weather Bureau at 10 PM AST.

By midnight it was apparent that "Edith" had weakened and would move across the eastern portion of the Dominican Republic and hurricane warnings were changed to gale warnings for western Puerto Rico. The center of "Edith" entered the Dominican Republic just west of the city of La Romana at 4 AM AST September 27 and moved off the north coast of the Dominican Republic east of Puerto Plata shortly before noon. Highest winds reported as "Edith" moved over land was 63 mph from the southeast of La Romana.

No deaths were reported on St. Lucia; however, there were 10 deaths and 50 seriously injured on Martinique. Final fatality reports have not been received from other islands affected by "Edith's" passage through the Caribbean. In Martinique 6000 dwellings were destroyed and 13,000 others badly damaged. The banana crop was ruined and the sugar crop and other food crops heavily damaged. Property losses in other Caribbean areas affected appear to have been only moderate.

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 9 PM AST SEPTEMBER 23 1963.

REPORTS FROM NAVY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT EARLY THIS EVENING SHOW THAT A TROPICAL DEPRESSION HAS FORMED IN THE ATLANTIC EAST OF THE WINDWARD ISLANDS.

AT 9 PM AST...0100Z...THE CENTER OF THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION WAS ESTIMATED NEAR LATITUDE 12.5 NORTH LONGITUDE 54.0 WEST OR ABOUT 400 STATUTE MILES EAST OF BARBADOS LESSER ANTILLES. POSITION IS FAIR DUE TO POOR ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPRESSION. THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION APPEARS TO BE MOVING WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 15 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON THIS COURSE AND AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 30 MPH IN SQUALLS IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS. AT PRESENT THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION IS JUST A LARGE AREA OF SQUALLY WEATHER WITHOUT ORGANIZATION BUT CONDITIONS APPEAR FAVORABLE FOR SLOW INTENSIFICATION.

PEOPLE IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS FROM GRENADA AND BARBADOS NORTHWARD SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST INFORMATION AND BE READY TO TAKE QUICK PRECAUTIONS SHOULD INTENSIFICATION OCCUR DURING THE NIGHT. RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WILL INVESTIGATE THE AREA OF THE DEPRESSION BEFORE DAYBREAK TUESDAY AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY NUMBER 1 EDITH 12 NOON AST SEPTEMBER 24 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY IN THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT AND BARBADOS. GALE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FROM GUADELOUPE NORTHWARD TO ST MAARTENS.

NAVY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND VESSEL REPORTS SHOW THAT THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION IN THE ATLANTIC EAST OF BARBADOS HAS INTENSIFIED AND IS NOW A TROPICAL STORM. THE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT LOCATED THE EYE AND AT 12 NOON AST...1600Z...IT WAS CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 13.0 NORTH LONGITUDE 57.3 WEST OR ABOUT 180 STATUTE MILES EAST OF BARBADOS LESSER ANTILLES. TROPICAL STORM EDITH APPEARS TO BE MOVING BETWEEN WEST AND WEST NORTHWEST AT 15 MPH. THE TROPICAL STORM IS STILL POORLY ORGANIZED AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE FUTURE DIRECTION BUT A DIRECTION BETWEEN WEST AND WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT THE SAME SPEED CAN BE EXPECTED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

TROPICAL STORM EDITH IS FORECAST TO INCREASE IN SIZE AND REACH HURRICANE INTENSITY LATER TODAY AND PASS BETWEEN MARTINIQUE AND ST LUCIA BY WEDNESDAY NOON. HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 70 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD FROM THE CENTER 150 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 50 MILES IN OTHER QUADRANTS.

PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF THE HURRICANE WARNINGS SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST POSSIBLE HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HIGH TIDES AND SURF AND HEAVY RAINS. TIDES ALONG THE REEFS IN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA WILL BE 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL. THE BARBADOS ST LUCIA MARTINIQUE DOMINICA AREA SHOULD RUSH PREPARATIONS AGAINST TROPICAL STORM EDITH AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST INFORMATION.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE STORM SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD SEEK SAFE HARBOR.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON TROPICAL STORM EDITH WILL BE ISSUED AT 6 PM AST 2200Z AND BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN SPECIAL WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 2 EDITH 2 PM AST SEPTEMBER 24 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT AND BARBADOS. GALE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FROM GUADELOUPE NORTHWARD TO ST MAARTENS AND FROM ST VINCENT SOUTHWARD TO GRENADA.

LATEST RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT EDITH HAS REACHED HURRICANE INTENSITY AND ITS FORWARD SPEED HAS INCREASED. AT 2 PM AST...1800Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 13.1 NORTH LONGITUDE 57.8 WEST OR ABOUT 120 STATUTE MILES EAST OF BARBADOS LESSER ANTILLES. IT IS MOVING BETWEEN WEST AND WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 18 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN ABOUT THE SAME DIRECTION AND AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HURRICANE EDITH IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE VICINITY OF BARBADOS ABOUT 8 PM AST TONIGHT AND BE IN THE ST LUCIA MARTINIQUE AREA BY 3 AM AST WEDNESDAY. ALL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HIGH TIDES AND SURF AND TORRENTIAL RAINS IN THE AREA FROM GUADELOUPE SOUTHWARD TO ST VINCENT AND BARBADOS SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION BY SUNSET TODAY. WINDS WILL BEGIN TO INCREASE IN THE AREA OF DISPLAY THIS AFTERNOON AND REACH HURRICANE FORCE IN THE BARBADOS AREA BY NIGHTFALL. WINDS SHOULD INCREASE TO HURRICANE FORCE IN THE AREA FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. TIDES ALONG THE REEFS IN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA WILL BE RISING THIS AFTERNOON AND BE 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL BY TONIGHT. ALL INTERESTS IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST ADVISORIES AND BULLETINS.

HIGHEST WINDS IN HURRICANE EDITH ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 80 MPH IN A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 175 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND ABOUT 60 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST. SOME FURTHER INCREASE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE STORM SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST 2200Z AND BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 4 PM AST SEPTEMBER 24 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE AREA FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT AND GALE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT NORTH OF GUADELOUPE TO ST MAARTENS AND SOUTH OF ST VINCENT TO GRENADA.

HURRICANE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION THIS AFTERNOON IN THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA. WINDS ARE ALREADY INCREASING IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS. EARLY THIS AFTERNOON BARBADOS REPORTED WIND GUSTS TO 50 MPH WITH HIGH SEAS BREAKING ON THE REEFS AND ST LUCIA HAD STEADY WINDS OF 32 MPH.

AT 4 PM AST...2000Z...HURRICANE EDITH ON THE BASIS OF SHIP AND RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 13.3 NORTH LONGITUDE 58.3 WEST OR ABOUT 90 STATUTE MILES EAST OF BARBADOS LESSER ANTILLES MOVING BETWEEN WEST AND WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 18 MPH. THE HURRICANE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND AT ABOUT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE 80 MPH NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE WINDS EXTEND 175 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND ABOUT 60 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE CENTER. AN INCREASE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPS IN THE PATH OF THE STORM SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE SHELTER.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST 2200Z.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 3 EDITH 6 PM AST SEPTEMBER 24 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT AND BARBADOS. GALE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FROM GUADELOUPE NORTHWARD TO ST MAARTEN AND FROM ST VINCENT SOUTHWARD TO GRENADA.

ALL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HIGH TIDES HEAVY SURF AND TORRENTIAL RAINS SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION AT MARTINIQUE ST LUCIA BARBADOS GUADELOUPE DOMINICA AND ST VINCENTS. BARBADOS HAS ALREADY REPORTED WINDS IN GUSTS TO 50 MPH AND HIGH SURF ON THE REEFS.

FROM VESSEL AND AIRCRAFT REPORTS THIS AFTERNOON HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED AT 6 PM AST...2200Z...NEAR LATITUDE 13.5 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 59.0 WEST OR ABOUT 60 STATUTE MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF BARBADOS AND 600 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING WEST NORTHWEST AT 18 MPH AND IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE IN ABOUT THE SAME DIRECTION AND AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 80 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD FROM THE CENTER 200 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH QUADRANT. A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY IS EXPECTED.

ON ITS PRESENT COURSE AND SPEED THE CENTER OF HURRICANE EDITH WILL PASS ABOUT 35 MILES TO THE NORTH OF BARBADOS ABOUT 8 OCLOCK TONIGHT AND BE IN THE VICINITY OF ST LUCIA ABOUT 3 OCLOCK AST WEDNESDAY MORNING.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THIS HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST 0400Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 9 PM AST.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 9 PM AST SEPTEMBER 24 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT AND BARBADOS. GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT NORTH OF GUADELOUPE TO ST MAARTEN AND SOUTH OF ST VINCENT TO GRENADA.

HEAVY SEAS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED AT BARBADOS AND ST LUCIA AND WINDS IN GUSTS UP TO 50 MPH HAVE OCCURRED AT BARBADOS. PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING. RADAR OBSERVATIONS FROM BARBADOS INDICATED THAT THE EYE OF HURRICANE EDITH WAS LOCATED ABOUT 30 MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF BARBADOS A SHORT TIME AGO. WITH A WEST NORTHWEST MOVEMENT AT A SPEED OF 18 MPH THE STORM WILL MOVE THROUGH THE ISLAND CHAIN AND INTO THE CARIBBEAN DURING THE NIGHT. REPEATING IMMEDIATE HURRICANE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS TORRENTIAL RAINS HIGH TIDES AND HEAVY SURF.

HURRICANE EDITH OFFERS NO DANGER TONIGHT TO PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AREA. ITS PRESENT DIRECTION AND SPEED HOWEVER WOULD TAKE IT SOUTH OF PUERTO RICO DURING THE NIGHT TOMORROW AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT A HURRICANE WATCH WILL BE INITIATED FOR THESE AREAS LATER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE NEAR 80 MPH NEAR THE CENTER OF THE STORM AND GALES EXTEND OUTWARD 200 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANT AND 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS. SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE STORM SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 4 EDITH 12 MIDNIGHT AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE LEEWARD ISLANDS AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENTS AND ARE DISCONTINUED FOR BARBADOS. GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED NORTH OF GUADELOUPE TO ST MAARTEN AND SOUTH OF ST VINCENTS TO GRENADA AND ARE ALSO EFFECTIVE FOR BARBADOS. A HURRICANE WATCH IS INITIATED FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

ALL PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS TO SECURE LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM HURRICANE FORCE WINDS TORRENTIAL RAIN HIGH TIDES AND HEAVY SURF. WIND AND FLOOD DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED AT MARTINIQUE AND ST LUCIA. SINCE HURRICANE EDITH IS EXPECTED TO MOVE THROUGH THE ISLAND CHAIN AND INTO THE CARIBBEAN DURING THE NIGHT THERE IS NO LONGER TIME TO DELAY NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

ON THE BASIS OF RADAR AND ISLAND STATION REPORTS HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED AT MIDNIGHT AST...0400Z...NEAR LATITUDE 14.0N LONGITUDE 60.4W OR ABOUT 40 STATUTE MILES EAST OF ST LUCIA IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS AND 500 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST ABOUT 15 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT COURSE AND SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 80 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 200 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS. LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER TO PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. AS A PRECAUTION HOWEVER A HURRICANE WATCH HAS BEEN INITIATED AND PEOPLE IN THIS AREA SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST ADVISORIES AND BULLETINS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF HURRICANE EDITH SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 AM AST...1000Z...AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 3 AM AST.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 3 AM AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENTS. GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED NORTH OF GUADELOUPE TO ST MAARTEN AND SOUTH OF ST VINCENTS TO INCLUDE GRENADA AND BARBADOS. A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

WINDS OF 60 MPH HAVE BEEN REPORTED AT MARTINIQUE AND TORRENTIAL RAINS HEAVY SURF AND FLOODING AT ST LUCIA AND MARTINIQUE. HURRICANE EDITH CONTINUES TO MOVE IN A WEST NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION AT ABOUT 15 MPH AND AT 3 AM AST IS VERY CLOSE TO THE ISLAND OF ST LUCIA IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS. IT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON A WEST NORTHWESTERLY COURSE AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNINGS SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM HURRICANE FORCE WINDS AND FLOODING DUE TO HEAVY RAIN HIGH TIDES AND SURF.

THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER TO PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BUT HURRICANE WATCH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE AREA AND PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP ADVISED OF THE LATEST HURRICANE INFORMATION.

HIGHEST WINDS IN HURRICANE EDITH ARE ESTIMATED AT 80 MPH NEAR THE CENTER AND GALES EXTEND NORTH AND EAST 200 MILES AND SOUTH AND WEST 75 MILES. NO CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS ANTICIPATED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

VESSELS IN THE PATH OF THE STORM SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE LESSER ANTILLES SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED AT 6 AM AST.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 5 EDITH 6 AM AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE LEEWARD AND WINDWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT. GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED NORTH OF GUADELOUPE TO ST MAARTEN AND SOUTH OF ST VINCENT TO GRENADA INCLUDING BARBADOS.

ALL PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO SECURE LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM HURRICANE FORCE WINDS TORRENTIAL RAINS HIGH TIDES AND HEAVY SURF. EARLY THIS MORNING ST LUCIA REPORTED WINDS OF 69 MPH AND MARTINIQUE HAD TORRENTIAL RAINS WITH WIND GUSTS TO 78 MPH.

A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT HURRICANE WINDS MAY AFFECT PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS IN 24 HOURS. PEOPLE SHOULD LISTEN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU AND BE READY TO TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS IN CASE WARNINGS ARE ISSUED LATER.

ON THE BASIS OF ISLAND STATION RECONNAISSANCE AND SHIP REPORTS HURRICANE EDITH WAS CENTERED AT 6 AM AST...1000Z...NEAR LATITUDE 14.5 NORTH LONGITUDE 61.5 WEST OR ABOUT 35 STATUTE MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF MARTINIQUE LESSER ANTILLES AND 420 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. EDITH IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT 14 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE MOVING WEST NORTHWEST AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 80 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. GALE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 150 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND ABOUT 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS FORECAST FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 NOON AST 1600Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 9 AM AST.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 9 AM AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE DISCONTINUED FOR THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT. GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ST LUCIA MARTINIQUE AND DOMINICA. GALE WARNINGS ARE DISCONTINUED FOR THE AREAS NORTH OF GUADELOUPE AND SOUTH OF ST VINCENT INCLUDING BARBADOS.

A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. HURRICANE WINDS MAY AFFECT PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WITHIN 24 HOURS AND PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST INFORMATION AND BE READY TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN CASE HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE ISSUED LATER TODAY.

AT 9 AM AST...1300Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 14.6 NORTH LONGITUDE 62.1 WEST OR ABOUT 75 STATUTE MILES WEST OF MARTINIQUE AND 380 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT 14 MPH AND IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

THE CENTER OF HURRICANE EDITH MOVED ACROSS THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE ISLAND OF ST LUCIA AT 4 AM AST THIS MORNING. LOWEST PRESSURE AS IT CROSSED THE ISLAND WAS 993 MILLIBARS OR 29.32 INCHES.

ON ITS PRESENT COURSE HURRICANE EDITH SHOULD PASS ABOUT 125 STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO THURSDAY MORNING.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE 80 MPH IN A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 150 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS. NO CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPS IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT UNTIL WINDS AND SEAS SUBSIDE. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 NOON AST 1600Z.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 6 EDITH 12 NOON AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED FOR THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS FROM GUADELOUPE TO ST VINCENT. GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ST LUCIA MARTINIQUE AND DOMINICA.

A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HURRICANE WINDS MAY AFFECT PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WITHIN 24 HOURS AND PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST INFORMATION AND BE READY TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN CASE HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE ISSUED LATER TODAY.

FROM VESSEL AND AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS THIS MORNING HURRICANE EDITH IS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED AT 12 NOON AST...1600Z... NEAR LATITUDE 14.6 NORTH LONGITUDE 62.2 WEST OR ABOUT 80 STATUTE MILES WEST OF MARTINIQUE AND 375 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT CONTINUES MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT A SLIGHTLY REDUCED SPEED OF 10 MPH AND IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

ON ITS PRESENT COURSE HURRICANE EDITH SHOULD PASS ABOUT 125 STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO THURSDAY MORNING BUT ANY CHANGE TO A MORE NORTHWESTERLY COURSE WOULD BRING THE CENTER CLOSER TO THE SOUTHERN COAST OF PUERTO RICO.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE STILL 80 MPH IN A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 150 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND ABOUT 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT HURRICANE EDITH WILL INCREASE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY DURING THE NEXT FEW HOURS SINCE IT IS MOVING UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS ALOFT.

SHIPS IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT UNTIL WINDS AND SEAS SUBSIDE. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST 2200Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 3 PM AST.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 3 PM AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR ST LUCIA MARTINIQUE AND DOMINICA. A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

LATEST INFORMATION FROM AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS INDICATE THAT HURRICANE EDITH WAS CENTERED AT 3 PM AST...1900Z...NEAR LATITUDE 14.7N LONGITUDE 62.6W OR ABOUT 360 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT CONTINUES MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 10 MPH AND IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE THIS DIRECTION AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 6 HOURS. THIS COURSE SHOULD PLACE THE CENTER OF EDITH ABOUT 100 TO 125 MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

SOME INCREASE IN INTENSITY IS NOTED THIS AFTERNOON AND HIGHEST WINDS ARE NOW ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 100 MPH NEAR THE CENTER. GALES EXTEND OUT FROM THE CENTER 150 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST.

UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION FROM MARTINIQUE AT 4 AM TODAY REPORTS WINDS IN GUSTS TO 115 MPH AND A BAROMETER READING OF 28.85 INCHES. AT THE SAME TIME ST LUCIA REPORTED 85 MPH IN GUSTS AND A BAROMETER READING OF 29.32 INCHES.

EDITH IS A DANGEROUS HURRICANE AND AS LONG AS IT REMAINS EAST AND SOUTH OF PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THE PEOPLE SHOULD REMAIN ON THE ALERT FOR ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE IN ITS DIRECTION WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A CLOSER APPROACH TO PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE LEEWARDS AND WINDWARDS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT UNTIL WINDS AND SEAS SUBSIDE. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED AT 6 PM AST AND BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED AS NEW INFORMATION FROM THE VICINITY OF HURRICANE EDITH IS RECEIVED.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 7 EDITH 6 PM AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

GALE WARNINGS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR ST CROIX VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE SOUTH COAST OF PUERTO RICO FOR INCREASING WINDS REACHING 35 TO 45 MPH DURING THE DAY THURSDAY.

GALE WARNINGS ARE DISCONTINUED FOR ST LUCIA MARTINIQUE AND DOMINICA.

A HURRICANE WATCH CONTINUES IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WATCH SHOULD REMAIN ON THE ALERT AND BE READY FOR QUICK ACTION IN CASE HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE ISSUED LATER.

ON ITS PRESENT COURSE HURRICANE EDITH SHOULD PASS ABOUT 100 TO 125 STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO EARLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON. THIS IS A DANGEROUS HURRICANE AND INTERESTS IN PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST INFORMATION FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU IN CASE EDITH SHOULD TAKE A MORE NORTHWESTERLY COURSE WHICH WOULD BRING THE CENTER CLOSER TO THESE AREAS.

ON THE BASIS OF SHIP AND AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS THIS AFTERNOON HURRICANE EDITH WAS CENTERED AT 6 PM AST...2200Z...NEAR LATITUDE 14.8 NORTH LONGITUDE 63.3 WEST OR ABOUT 320 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. THE HURRICANE IS MOVING WEST NORTHWEST AT A SLIGHTLY INCREASED SPEED OF 14 MPH. LITTLE CHANGE IN SPEED OR DIRECTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 60 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE AND GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUT FROM THE CENTER ABOUT 150 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. A SLIGHT INCREASE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY OF THE HURRICANE IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPS IN THE PATH OF EDITH SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT UNTIL SEAS SUBSIDE. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT. SMALL CRAFT IN HISPANIOLA SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST 0400Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 9 PM AST.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 9 PM AST SEPTEMBER 25 1963.

GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR ST CROIX VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE SOUTH COAST OF PUERTO RICO. A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

LATEST INFORMATION FROM SHIP AND AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE INDICATE THAT HURRICANE EDITH WAS CENTERED AT 9 PM AST...0100Z...NEAR LATITUDE 15.2N LONGITUDE 64.5W OR ABOUT 250 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. THE HURRICANE IS MOVING TOWARD THE WESTNORTHWEST AT ABOUT 16 MPH AND IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE IN THIS DIRECTION AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 6 HOURS. FOLLOWING THIS COURSE THE CENTER OF EDITH WILL MOVE ABOUT 150 MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO DURING THE FORENOON THURSDAY.

LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY HAS BEEN NOTED THIS EVENING AND HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 60 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE AND GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUT FROM THE CENTER ABOUT 150 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST.

THIS CONTINUES TO BE A DANGEROUS HURRICANE AND PEOPLE IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN ON THE ALERT FOR ANY CHANGES IN DIRECTION.

SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE NORTH COAST OF PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS NORTH OF ST CROIX AND THE NORTHERN LEEWARD ISLANDS.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST 0400Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 3 AM AST.

HUNDEBY

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 8 EDITH 12 MIDNIGHT AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

GALE WARNINGS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. WINDS WILL INCREASE TO 35 TO 45 MPH TONIGHT AND THURSDAY WITH THE MAXIMUM VALUES OVER THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AREA.

A HURRICANE WATCH CONTINUES IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ALL OF HISPANIOLA. IT IS DISCONTINUED FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WATCH SHOULD KEEP INFORMED OF ALL LATER INFORMATION ON HURRICANE EDITH.

RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT REPORTS THIS EVENING INDICATE THAT THE STORM HAS INCREASED IN SPEED. AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST...0400Z...IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 15.2N LONGITUDE 65.0W OR ABOUT 240 STATUTE MILES SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 16 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON THE SAME COURSE AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS. THIS COURSE AND SPEED WILL PLACE THE CENTER OF THE STORM ABOUT 150 MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO BY EARLY FORENOON.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 60 MILES IN THE NORTHEAST SEMICIRCLE AND GALE FORCE WINDS COVER AN AREA 175 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS ANTICIPATED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

THIS IS A DANGEROUS HURRICANE AND SHIPS IN ITS PATH SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT. SMALL CRAFT SHOULD ALSO REMAIN IN PORT IN THE WINDWARD AND LEEWARD ISLANDS UNTIL WINDS AND SEAS SUBSIDE.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED AT 6 AM AST...1000Z...AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 3 AM AST.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 3 AM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE TONIGHT AND EARLY THURSDAY TO 35 TO 45 MPH PRINCIPALLY IN SQUALLS AND WITH MAXIMUM VELOCITIES OVER THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AREA.

A HURRICANE WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND HISPANIOLA. ALL INTERESTS SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST ADVISORIES AND BULLETINS.

ON THE BASIS OF RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT REPORTS HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE LOCATED AT 3 AM AST...0700Z...NEAR LATITUDE 15.3N LONGITUDE 65.7W OR APPROXIMATELY 220 STATUTE MILES SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST ABOUT 16 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON THE SAME COURSE AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 6 HOURS. AIRCRAFT RADAR AND SURFACE SHIP REPORTS INDICATE THAT EDITH IS STILL A WELL FORMED HURRICANE AND NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS EXPECTED. HEAVY RAIN AND SQUALLS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE HURRICANE. HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH NEAR THE CENTER. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 60 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE AND GALES REACH 175 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST.

SHIPS IN THE PATH OF HURRICANEEDITH SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PUERTO RICO AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED AT 6 AM AST.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 9 EDITH 6 AM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

WHOLE GALE WARNINGS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE SOUTH COAST OF HAITI AND THE SOUTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF SAN DOMINGO CITY.

GALE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND ARE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE EAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FROM THE CITY OF SANTO DOMINGO EASTWARD.

WINDS WILL INCREASE TO 35 TO 45 MPH TODAY OVER PUERTO RICO AND EASTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WITH HIGHEST WINDS OVER THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AREA. WINDS WILL BEGIN INCREASING OVER SOUTHWESTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND SOUTHERN HAITI EARLY TONIGHT AND REACH WHOLE GALE FORCE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS FRIDAY.

A HURRICANE WATCH IS STILL IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO AND HISPANIOLA. PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WATCH SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST INFORMATION ON HURRICANE EDITH. HURRICANE EDITH PASSED 170 STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF ST CROIX VIRGIN ISLANDS AT 4 AM AST TODAY. ON ITS PRESENT COURSE IT WILL PASS ABOUT 150 MILES SOUTH OF PONCE PUERTO RICO EARLY THIS MORNING AND ABOUT 125 MILES SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWESTERN TIP OF PUERTO RICO BY 11 AM AST TODAY.

HURRICANE EDITH IS A DEFINITE THREAT TO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF HISPANIOLA AND PEOPLE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAITI SHOULD BE READY FOR QUICK ACTION IN CASE GALE WARNINGS ARE CHANGED TO HURRICANE WARNINGS LATER TODAY.

REPORTS FROM RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT THIS MORNING INDICATE THAT AT 6 AM AST...1000Z...IT IS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 15.5 NORTH LONGITUDE 66.1 WEST OR ABOUT 190 STATUTE MILES SOUTH OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 15 MPH. LITTLE CHANGE IN SPEED OR DIRECTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 60 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE AND GALE FORCE WINDS COVER AN AREA 175 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND ABOUT 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LITTLE CHANGE IN EITHER SIZE OR INTENSITY IS FORECAST FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

THIS IS A DANGEROUS HURRICANE AND SHIPS IN ITS PATH SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 NOON AST...1600Z...AND AN ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED AT 9 AM AST.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 9 AM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

WHOLE GALE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHERN HAITI AND SOUTHWESTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF THE CITY OF SANTO DOMINGO. GALE WARNINGS CONTINUE IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE EAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF SANTO DOMINGO.

HURRICANE WATCH CONTINUES FOR PUERTO RICO AND HISPANIOLA. PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS SHOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LATEST ADVISORIES AND BULLETINS ON HURRICANE EDITH.

INCREASINGLY HEAVY SWELLS AND DANGEROUS SURF ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF PUERTO RICO TODAY. PEOPLE LIVING IN LOW LYING OR EXPOSED AREAS ALONG THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY. DANGEROUSLY HIGH STORM TIDES WILL AFFECT THE SOUTHERN COAST OF HISPANIOLA TONIGHT AND PERSONS WITHIN REACH OF HIGH TIDES AND HEAVY SURF SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND TODAY.

PEOPLE IN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS EXPECIALLY ON THE SOUTH COAST AND CENTRAL REGIONS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT FOR HEAVY RAINS AND POSSIBLE FLOODING THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT AFTER THE PASSAGE OF HURRICANE EDITH.

AT 9 AM AST...1300Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED AT LATITUDE 15.7 NORTH LONGITUDE 66.8 WEST OR ABOUT 190 STATUTE MILES SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 15 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 100 MPH NEAR THE CENTER AND HURRICANE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 60 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALE WINDS COVER AN AREA 175 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 NOON AST 1600Z.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 10 EDITH 12 NOON AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

WHOLE GALE WARNINGS ARE CHANGED TO HURRICANE WARNINGS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND HAITI FOR THE PENINSULA BARAHONA AND THE PENINSULA PRESQUE ISLE DU SUDOUESTE.

GALE WARNINGS CONTINUE IN EFFECT FOR PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLNNDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF THE PENINSULA BARAHONA.

HURRICANE WATCH IS DISCONTINUED FOR PUERTO RICO BUT REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA AND FOR NORTHERN HAITI.

PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNINGS SHOULD BEGIN TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HIGH TIDES AND TORRENTIAL RAINS. TIDES ALONG THE SOUTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL REACH 6 TO 8 FEET ABOVE NORMAL IN THE BAY OF OCOA AND 4 TO 6 FEET ELSEWHERE. IN THE BAIE DE CAYES IN HAITI 6 TO 8 FOOT TIDES ARE INDICATED. PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE BEACHES IN LOW COASTAL AREAS SHOULD SEEK SAFETY BEFORE THE WATERS BEGIN TO RISE TONIGHT.

INCREASINGLY HEAVY SWELLS AND DANGEROUS SURF ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF PUERTO RICO TODAY. PEOPLE LIVING IN LOW LYING OR EXPOSED AREAS ALONG THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IMMEDIATELY.

AS THE HURRICANE MOVES WEST OF PUERTO RICO THE PEOPLE ALONG THE SOUTH COASTAL AREAS SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT FOR HEAVY RAINS AND POSSIBLE FLOODS.

HURRICANE EDITH POSES A DEFINITE THREAT TO JAMAICA AND THE WINDWARD PASSAGE AREA LATE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. FROM RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND VESSEL REPORTS TODAY HURRICANE EDITH AT 12 NOON AST...1600Z...IS CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 15.9 NORTH LONGITUDE 67.8 WEST OR ABOUT 160 STATUTE MILES SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF PONCE PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT 17 MPH. HURRICANE EDITH IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS. THIS COURSE WILL CARRY HURRICANE EDITH ABOUT 30 TO 40 MILES SOUTH OF THE ISLAND OF BEATA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON FRIDAY FORENOON.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND HURRICANE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 60 MILES FROM THE CENTER IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 175 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS. NO IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS INDICATED IN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST...2200Z AND BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED AS WARRANTED.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TELEVISION 3 PM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PRESQUE ISLE DU SUDOUESTE HAITI. GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA AND FOR NORTHERN HAITI. PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF THE HURRICANE WARNINGS SHOULD BEGIN TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HIGH STORM TIDES 6 TO 8 FEET ABOVE THE NORMAL AND HEAVY FLOOD PRODUCING RAINS. HIGH STORM TIDES 4 TO 6 FEET ARE INDICATED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

HEAVY SEAS AND SURF ARE ROLLING IN ALONG THE SOUTH COAST OF PUERTO RICO AND LOW LYING BEACHES ARE BEING INUNDATED. SWELLS 6 TO 8 FEET WILL CONTINUE THIS AFTERNOON TONIGHT AND FRIDAY AS THE HURRICANE CENTER MOVES WESTWARD. EVACUATIONS BY THE POLICE AND CIVIL DEFENSE HAVE ALREADY BEEN STARTED IN SOME SECTIONS AND SHOULD BE EXTENDED IMMEDIATELY TO ALL AREAS FROM PLAYA DE HUMACAO TO CABO ROJO.

HEAVY RAINS ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE SOUTHERN SLOPES OF THE CORDILLERA CENTRAL OF PUERTO RICO AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FLOODS IN THE RIVERS AND STREAMS DRAINING THE SOUTH COASTAL AREAS FOR TONIGHT AND EARLY FRIDAY IS A THREAT. PEOPLE LIVING NEAR THE RIVERS SHOULD BE READY TO MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND ON A MOMENTS NOTICE WHEN THE STREAMS BEGIN TO RISE.

HURRICANE EDITH IS NOW POSING A DEFINITE THREAT TO JAMAICA AND THE WINDWARD PASSAGE.

AT 3 PM AST...1900Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 16.1N AND LONGITUDE 68.4W OR ABOUT 190 STATUTE MILES SOUTHWEST OF PONCE PUERTO RICO. IT CONTINUES MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 16 MPH AND IS FORECAST TO CONTINUE IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND AT ABOUT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS. NO IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 100 MPH NEAR THE CENTER AND HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND 60 MILES FROM THE CENTER IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALES EXTEND OUTWARD 175 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE CENTER.

THE DANGER FROM HIGH SEAS ALONG THE SOUTH COAST OF PUERTO RICO AND FROM THE HEAVY RAINS OVER THE SOUTHERN SLOPES OF THE CENTRAL CORDILLERA IS EMPHASIZED AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD CONTINUE ALL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE HIGH SEAS ALONG THE COASTAL AREAS AND AGAINST FLOOD IN THE RIVERS OF THE SOUTH TONIGHT AND FRIDAY. KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL ADVISORIES AND BULLETINS.

SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE HARBOR.

PEOPLE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE SOUTHERN PENINSULA OF HAITI ARE URGED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL BULLETINS AND ADVISORIES ISSUED BY THE WEATHER BUREAU.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST AND BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 11 EDITH 6 PM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

HURRICANE EDITH BECAME DISORGANIZED DURING THE AFTERNOON AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE A DEFINITE CENTER. AIRCRAFT ARE STILL IN THE HURRICANE AREA AND AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED A BULLETIN OR SPECIAL ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED IF NEEDED.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PRESQUE ISLE DU SUDOUESTE HAITI. PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS SHOULD RUSH PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HURRICANE WINDS STORM TIDES 6 TO 8 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND HEAVY RAINS. HIGH STORM TIDES 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL ARE FORECAST FOR COASTAL AREAS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF THE BAY OF OCOA.

GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR PUERTO RICO VIRGIN ISLANDS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA AND FOR NORTHERN HAITI.

HURRICANE WATCH IS CONTINUED FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA AND FOR NORTHERN HAITI. ALL INTERESTS SHOULD REMAIN ON THE ALERT AND BE READY FOR QUICK ACTION IN CASE HURRICANE WATCH IS CHANGED TO HURRICANE WARNINGS.

STORM TIDES AND DANGEROUS SURF ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ALONG THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF PUERTO RICO TONIGHT. PEOPLE LIVING IN LOW LYING OR EXPOSED AREAS ALONG THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH COASTS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE SHELTER.

HEAVY RAINS ARE EXPECTED OVER PUERTO RICO TONIGHT AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE FLOODING ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTH COASTAL AREAS.

AT 6 PM AST...2200Z..HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE NEAR LATITUDE 16.5 NORTH LONGITUDE 68.2 WEST OR ABOUT 160 STATUTE MILES SOUTHWEST OF PONCE PUERTO RICO. THIS POSITION IS POOR DUE TO THE DISORGANIZED CONDITION OF THE HURRICANE. THE HURRICANE IS ESTIMATED TO BE MOVING WEST NORTHWEST AT 14 MPH. FUTURE MOVEMENT IS UNCERTAIN BUT THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT EDITH MAY BE TURNING TO A MORE NORTHERLY COURSE.

PEOPLE IN WESTERN PUERTO RICO SHOULD LISTEN FOR LATEST INFORMATION IN CASE THE HURRICANE CHANGES COURSE AND MOVES CLOSER TO WESTERN PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND HURRICANE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 60 MILES FROM THE CENTER IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 175 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 75 MILES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST QUADRANTS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HISPANIOLA SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST...0400Z...AND BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED AS WARRANTED.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU SPECIAL HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TELEVISION 845 PM SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

FROM REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND FROM MONA ISLAND LIGHT STATION HURRICANE EDITH HAS TURNED TO A MORE NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND IS NOW ESTIMATED TO BE MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH NORTHWEST TOWARDS THE CABO ENGANO AREA OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. A SPECIAL HURRICANE ADVISORY IS BEING ISSUED IMMEDIATELY.

PEOPLE IN PUERTO RICO WEST OF THE PONCE AND ARECIBO AREA ARE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE WINDS OF 75 TO 80 MPH IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

ALL PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AGAINST HURRICANE WINDS HIGH TIDES IN THE AREA WEST OF A LINE FROM ARECIBO TO PONCE.

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY WARNING AND ALL PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA WEST OF ARECIBO PONCE LINE.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU SPECIAL ADVISORY NUMBER 12 EDITH 10 PM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE RAISED FOR PUERTO RICO WEST OF PONCE AND ARECIBO AND FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF SAN PIEDRO DE MACORIS AND THE PENINSULA OF SAMANA. HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE LOWERED FOR THE PENINSULA OF BARAHONA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PRESQUE ISLE DU SUDOUESTE HAITI. GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR THE REMAINDER OF PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND ARE NOW IN EFFECT FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA FROM SANTO DOMINGO TO PUERTO PLATA.

HURRICANE EDITH HAS TAKEN A SUBSTANTIALLY MORE NORTHERLY COURSE AND IS NOW EXPECTED TO MOVE THROUGH MONA PASSAGE BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT LOCATED THE CENTER A SHORT TIME AGO AND AT 10 PM AST...2200Z...IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 17.8N LONGITUDE 67.8W OR ABOUT 40 STATUTE MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF CABO ROJO PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING BETWEEN NORTHWEST AND NORTH NORTHWEST ABOUT 10 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON THIS COURSE AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY. PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE RUSHED AGAINST HURRICANE WINDS STORM TIDES 4 TO 8 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND TORRENTIAL RAINS. LOW LYING COASTAL AREAS AND OTHER EXPOSED AREAS IN THE DANGER ZONE SHOULD BE EVACUATED.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 60 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 175 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF THE HURRICANE SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THIS IS A SMALL BUT DANGEROUS HURRICANE. WE REPEAT THAT ALL INTERESTS IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

THE NEXT ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 MIDNIGHT AST...0400Z...AND SPECIAL BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED IF FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TELEVISION 1030 PM AST SEPTEMBER 26 1963.

RADAR REPORTS AT THIS TIME HAVE THE EYE OF HURRICANE EDITH WITHIN RANGE. FROM THE RADAR AT RAMEY AIR FORCE BASE AND FROM THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU INDICATES THAT THE CENTER IS LOCATED AT 10 PM AST...0200Z...A SHORT DISTANCE SOUTHWEST OF MONA ISLAND OR ABOUT 130 STATUTE MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT APPEARS TO BE MOVING BETWEEN NORTHWEST AND NORTH NORTHWEST AND SHOULD PASS OVER CABO ENGANO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT DAYBREAK FRIDAY MORNING.

HURRICANE EDITH MADE AN ABRUPT TURN TO THE NORTH WEST THIS AFTERNOON AFTER FOLLOWING A COURSE TOWARD THE WEST NORTHWEST FOR THE LAST 4 DAYS. AT THE SAME TIME EDITH APPEARED TO WEAKEN WHILE MAKING THE RECURVE.

HURRICANE WARNINGS WERE ISSUED FOR THE EXTREME WESTERN PORTION THROUGH MONA PASSAGE. NO HURRICANE WINDS ARE EXPECTED EAST OF THE EXTREME WESTERN COAST EAST OF AGUADILLA GUANICA LINE BECAUSE OF THE WEAKENED INTENSITY OF THE HURRICANE. SOME DAMAGE TO COFFEE AT THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED. OVER THE REMAINDER OF PUERTO RICO ONLY WINDS OF GALE FORCE UP TO 50 MPH IN SQUALLS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM A LINE EAST OF THE AGUADILLA GUANICA LINE TO ARECIBO PONCE LINE. EAST OF THIS LATTER AREA ONLY WINDS UP TO 30 TO 35 MPH MAY BE EXPECTED.

HIGH SEAS CONTINUE TO POUND THE SOUTH COASTAL AREAS AND PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE HIGH SEAS AND POSSIBLE FLOODS FROM THE HEAVY RAINS SHOULD BE CONTINUED THROUGH THE NIGHT AND FRIDAY MORNING.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE BEING EXPERIENCED AT MONA AND 65 TO 70 MPH VELOCITIES WERE REPORTED AT 9 OCLOCK AS EDITH MOVES TOWARD THE NORTHWEST THE WINDS WILL BEGIN TO SUBSIDE AS THE HURRICANE IS MOVING AWAY FROM PUERTO RICO.

THE NEXT BROADCAST FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU WILL BE AT 1205 AM 5 MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT.

HIGGS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 13 EDITH 12 MIDNIGHT AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE NOW IN EFFECT FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF SAN PIEDRO DE MACORIS INCLUDING THE PENINSULA DE SAMANA. HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE DISCONTINUED FOR ALL OF WESTERN PUERTO RICO AND FOR REMAINDER OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR WESTERN PUERTO RICO BUT ARE LOWERED FOR EASTERN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA FROM SANTO DOMINGO TO PUERTO PLATA.

PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HEAVY RAINS HEAVY SURF AND STORM TIDES 4 TO 8 FEET ABOVE NORMAL. LOW LYING COASTAL AREAS AND OTHER EXPOSED AREAS IN THE DANGER ZONE SHOULD BE EVACUATED. PRECAUTIONS SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN IN THE AREA OF GALE WARNINGS FOR STRONG WINDS AND FOR HIGH TIDES AND HEAVY SURF. HEAVY SURF WILL OCCUR ESPECIALLY ON THE SOUTHWEST AND WEST COASTS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE EAST AND NORTHEAST COASTS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HEAVY RAIN IS ALSO EXPECTED DURING THE NIGHT OVER WESTERN PUERTO RICO AND EXTREME EASTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

HURRICANE EDITH LOCATED BY RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND LAND BASED RADAR AT MIDNIGHT AST...0400Z...NEAR LATITUDE 18.2N LONGITUDE 68.1W OR ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHWEST OF MONA ISLAND BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. IT IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 12 MPH. DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS IT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AT THE SAME SPEED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 100 MPH OVER A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD 40 MILES FROM THE CENTER IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALES EXTEND OUTWARD 150 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF HURRICANE EDITH SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AS THE HURRICANE IS STILL INTENSE NEAR THE CENTER.

SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 AM AST...1000Z...AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 3 AM.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE EDITH BULLETIN FOR PRESS AND TV 3 AM AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS INCLUDING THE PENINSULA DE SAMANA. GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR EXTREME WESTERN PUERTO RICO AND FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA FROM SANTO DOMINGO TO PUERTO PLATA.

IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS TORRENTIAL RAINS STORM TIDES 4 TO 8 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND HEAVY SURF.

ALTHOUGH RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE A CLOSED CENTER SINCE MIDNIGHT VESSEL REPORTS INDICATE THAT IT IS CONTINUING IN A NORTH NORTHWESTLY DIRECTION THROUGH MONA PASSAGE AND AT 3 AM IS ESTIMATED TO BE NEAR THE EXTREME EASTERN TIP OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. A MORE ACCURATE POSITION IS EXPECTED FOR THE NEXT ADVISORY. CONTINUED MOVEMENT TOWARD THE NORTH NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 12 MPH IS FORECAST FOR THE NEXT 6 HOURS.

THE HURRICANE STILL HAS WINDS OF 100 MPH OVER A VERY SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER AND HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 40 MILES IN THE NORTHERN SEMICIRCLE. GALES EXTEND OUTWARD 10 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 75 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY IS ANTICIPATED DURING THE NEXT 6 HOURS.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF HURRICANE EDITH SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

IN THE AREA OF GALE WARNING PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST STRONG WINDS HEAVY RAIN AND SURF. SURF WILL BE PARTICULARLY HIGH ALONG THE NORTHEAST COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND ALONG THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO. INUNDATION OF LOW LYING AREAS IS LIKELY. EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS AND THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE IF NECESSARY.

THE RADAR AT ISLA VERDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS INDICATED DURING THE NIGHT THAT IN GENERAL RAINFALL HAS NOT BEEN AS HEAVY AS ANTICIPATED. AT 3 AM HOWEVER IT APPEARS THAT STRONGER PRECIPITATION ECHOS ARE DEVELOPING AND HEAVY RAINFALL AMOUNTS ARE LIKELY DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT AND FRIDAY. PEOPLE IN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS SHOULD KEEP ADVISED OF LATEST BULLETIN IN CONNECTION WITH FLOODING.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 AM AST.

DAVIS

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 14 EDITH 6 AM AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS INCLUDING THE PENINSULA DE SAMANA. IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HEAVY RAIN STORMS TIDES 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND DANGEROUS SURF.

GALE WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR EASTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA FROM SANTO DOMINGO TO PUERTO PLATA. GALE WARNINGS ARE ALSO IN EFFECT FOR THE WEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO.

PASSAGE OF HURRICANE EDITH TO THE WEST OF PUERTO RICO IS PRODUCING WIDESPREAD HEAVY RAINS OVER PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. THERE IS A DEFINITE DANGER OF FLOODS ESPECIALLY ALONG THE SOUTHERN SLOPES OF THE CENTRAL CORDILLERA. PEOPLE LIVING NEAR RIVERS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLOODING AND BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND ON SHORT NOTICE.

AT 6 AM AST...1000Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE SURFACE REPORTS AND LAND BASED RADAR TO BE CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 18.4 NORTH LONGITUDE 69.2 WEST ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ABOUT 50 MILES EAST OF SANTO DOMINGO CITY AND 200 MILES WEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE MOVING NORTH NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 10 MPH. CONTINUED NORTH NORTHWEST MOVEMENT AT THE SAME OR SLIGHTLY REDUCED SPEED IS INDICATED FOR THE NEXT 6 HOURS.

HURRICANE EDITH HAS WEAKENED IN THE PAST FEW HOURS AND HIGHEST WINDS ARE NOW ABOUT 75 MPH IN A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 125 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 60 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. SOME FURTHER WEAKENING IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 12 HOURS AS THE HURRICANE CROSSES THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 NOON AST 1600Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 9 AM AST.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 7 AM AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

A FLOOD ALERT IS EFFECTIVE AT 7 AM FRIDAY FOR ALL RIVERS IN SOUTHEAST PUERTO RICO BETWEEN YABUCOA AND SANTA ISABEL.

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU RADAR SHOWS MODERATE TO HEAVY RAIN OVER EASTERN PUERTO RICO. NO REPORTS OF FLOODING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UP TO THIS HOUR. HOWEVER HEAVY RAIN IS EXPECTED DURING THE DAY AS HURRICANE EDITH PASSES ACROSS THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO THE WEST OF PUERTO RICO.

ANY ADDITIONAL HEAVY RAIN WILL BRING THE RIVERS CLOSE TO FLOOD STAGE. SOME LOCAL FLOODING IS LIKELY IN EASTERN PUERTO RICO AND ALONG THE NORTH COAST FROM MANATI RIVER EASTWARD.

PEOPLE ALONG THE RIVERS BETWEEN YABUCOA AND SANTA ISABEL SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND IF THE RIVERS BEGIN TO RISE. PEOPLE IN OTHER AREAS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD LISTEN FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AS HEAVY RAIN MAY SPREAD OVER CENTRAL AND WESTERN PUERTO RICO DURING THE DAY.

PEOPLE ALONG THE SOUTH AND WEST COASTS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR VIGILANCE AGAINST STORM TIDES 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND AGAINST DANGEROUS SURF. ALL PEOPLE LIVING NEAR THE BEACHES ON THE SOUTH AND WEST COASTS SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE SHELTER UNTIL THE SEAS SUBSIDE.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 9 AM AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS INCLUDING THE PENINSULA DE SAMANA. PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN THE AREA OF HURRICANE WARNING AGAINST HURRICANE FORCE WINDS HEAVY RAINS STORM TIDES 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL AND DANGEROUS SURF.

GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR EASTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF THE HURRICANE WARNING AREA FROM SANTO DOMINGO TO PUERTO PLATA. GALE WARNINGS ARE ALSO IN EFFECT FOR THE WEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO.

MODERATE TO HEAVY RAINS ARE CONTINUING OVER THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO AND THERE IS DANGER OF FLOODING ALONG THE SOUTHERN SLOPES OF THE CENTRAL CORDILLERA ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHEASTERN PUERTO RICO. PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE RIVERS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND BE READY TO MOVE TO HIGHER ELEVATIONS ON SHORT NOTICE.

STORM TIDES 4 TO 6 FEET ABOVE NORMAL ARE STILLL FLOODING COASTAL AREAS FROM MAYAGUEZ TO PONCE. PEOPLE IN WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN COASTAL AREAS SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE SHELTER UNTIL THE SEAS SUBSIDE. HIGH TIDES ALONG THE SOUTH COAST EAST OF PONCE ARE RECEDING AND SEAS IN THAT AREA SHOULD RETURN TO NORMAL LATER TODAY.

AT 9 AM AST...1300Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED NEAR 18.7 NORTH 69.3 WEST OR ABOUT 40 STATUTE MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF SANTO DOMINGO CITY AND 210 STATUTE MILES WEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 75 MPH NEAR THE CENTER AND GALES EXTEND 125 MILES NORTH AND EAST AND 60 MILES SOUTH AND WEST. EDITH IS ESTIMATED TO BE MOVING NORTH NORTHWEST AT 10 MPH. LITTLE CHANGE IN DIRECTION OR SPEED OF MOTION IS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 6 HOURS.

THE HURRICANE IS EXPECTED TO WEAKEN AS IT MOVES ACROSS THE LAND AREAS OF EASTERN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BUT SOME REINTENSIFICATION IS LIKELY ONCE THE CENTER MOVES OVER WATER AGAIN.

SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 12 NOON.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE ADVISORY NUMBER 15 EDITH 12 NOON AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

HURRICANE WARNINGS ARE CHANGED TO GALE WARNINGS FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF A LINE FROM SANTO DOMINGO CITY TO CABO ISABELA ON THE NORTH COAST. GALE COAST WARNINGS CONTINUED FOR WEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO.

PEOPLE ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF CABO ISABELA SHOULD REMAIN AWAY FROM THE BEACHES UNTIL STORM TIDES AND SEAS SUBSIDE.

HEAVY RAIN HAS STOPPED OVER PUERTO RICO AND THERE IS NO DANGER FROM FLOODING AT THE PRESENT TIME. HIGH TIDES AND ROUGH SEAS ALONG THE SOUTH AND WEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NORMAL TONIGHT.

AT 12 NOON AST...1600Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS TO BE CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 19.5 NORTH LONGITUDE 69.6 WEST OR ABOUT 240 MILES WEST NORTHWEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING NORTH NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 10 MPH. CONTINUED NORTH NORTHWEST MOVEMENT AT THE SAME SPEED IS INDICATED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 75 MPH IN A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 125 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 50 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. SOME INTENSIFICATION IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SMALL CRAFT IN PUERTO RICO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST 2200Z AND A BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED AT 3 PM AST.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU HURRICANE BULLETIN FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV 3 PM AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

GALE WARNINGS ARE CONTINUED FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF A LINE FROM SANTO DOMINGO CITY TO CABO ISABELA ON THE NORTH COAST. GALE WARNINGS ARE DISCONTINUED FOR THE WEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO.

PEOPLE ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EAST OF CABO ISABELA SHOULD KEEP OFF THE BEACHES UNTIL STORM TIDES AND SEAS SUBSIDE.

AT 3 PM AST...1900Z...HURRICANE EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 19.8 NORTH LONGITUDE 69.7 WEST OR ABOUT 260 MILES WEST NORTHWEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT IS MOVING NORTH NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 10 MPH. LITTLE CHANGE IN SPEED OR DIRECTION OF MOTION IS EXPECTED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ABOUT 75 MPH IN A SMALL AREA NEAR THE CENTER. GALE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD ABOUT 125 MILES TO THE NORTH AND EAST AND 50 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. SOME INCREASE IN SIZE AND INTENSITY IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON HURRICANE EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU AT 6 PM AST 2200Z.

HOOSE

SAN JUAN WEATHER BUREAU TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY NUMBER 16 EDITH 6 PM AST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

GALE WARNINGS REMAIN DISPLAYED ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO CABO ISABELA. GALE WARNINGS FOR THE WEST COAST OF PUERTO RICO HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED.

HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE OVER THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND AMOUNTS UP TO 10 INCHES ARE EXPECTED. FLOOD WARNINGS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE.

FROM VESSEL LAND STATION AND AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS THIS AFTERNOON EDITH HAS WEAKENED CONSIDERABLY AND IS NO LONGER OF HURRICANE INTENSITY. AT 6 PM AST...2200Z...TROPICAL STORM EDITH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 20.3N AND LONGITUDE 70.4W OR ABOUT 50 STATUTE MILES NORTH OF PUERTO PLATA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND 310 STATUTE MILES WEST NORTHWEST OF SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO. IT NOW APPEARS TO BE MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST AT 10 MPH AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THIS DIRECTION AND AT THE SAME SPEED FOR THE NEXT 12 HOURS WITH INDICATIONS OF A RECURVE TOWARD THE NORTH AFTER THIS PERIOD. NO IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SIZE BUT A SLIGHT INCREASE IN INTENSITY IS LIKELY IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 55 MILES PER HOUR IN THE HEAVIER SQUALLS NEAR THE CENTER AND GALE WINDS EXTEND 125 MILES IN THE NORTH AND EAST QUADRANTS AND 50 MILES IN THE SOUTH.

THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM EDITH WILL PASS NEAR GRAND TURKS ISLAND DURING THE NIGHT WITH GALES IN THE ENTIRE CAICOS ISLANDS GROUP.

SHIPPING IN THE PATH OF TROPICAL STORM EDITH SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION AND SMALL CRAFT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN BAHAMAS AND ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF HAITI AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON TROPICAL STOIM EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU AT 11 PM EST...0400Z.

HIGGS

MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY NUMBER 17 EDITH 11 PM EST SEPTEMBER 27 1963.

GALE WARNINGS REMAIN DISPLAYED ON THE NORTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WEST OF CABO SAMANA.

HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE OVER THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND FLOOD WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE.

COASTAL REPORTS AND SHIPS AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE STORM INDICATE THAT EDITH WAS CENTERED AT 11 PM EST...0400Z... NEAR LATITUDE 20.4 NORTH LONGITUDE 70.8 WEST. THIS POSITION IS ABOUT 60 STATUTE MILES NORTH OF PUERTO PLATA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND 75 STATUTE MILES SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF TURKS ISLAND.

THE STORM HAS BEEN SLOW TO REGENERATE AND TO ASSUME A CONSISTENT MOVEMENT AFTER ITS PASSAGE OVER LAND. IT NOW APPEARS TO BE MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST AT ABOUT 7 MPH.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED 55 MPH IN A FEW SQUALLS NEAR THE CENTER WITH GALES EXTENDING OUTWARD 110 MILES IN THE NORTHEAST SEMICIRCLE AND 45 MILES TO THE SOUTHWEST.

A CONTINUED SLOW MOVEMENT OF ABOUT 7 MPH TOWARD THE NORTHWEST IS INDICATED TONIGHT AND FRIDAY WITH A SLIGHT INCREASE IN INTENSITY LIKELY.

THE CENTER IS EXPECTED TO PASS NEAR TURKS ISLAND FRIDAY MORNING WITH GALES SPREADING OVER THE ENTIRE CAICOS ISLAND GROUP AND TO THE VICINITY OF MAYAGUANA BAHAMAS.

SHIPPING IN THE STORM PATH SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION. SMALL CRAFT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN BAHAMAS AND ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD REMAIN IN PORT.

THE NEXT REGULAR ADVISORY ON TROPICAL STORM EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU AT 5 AM EST.

MOORE

MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY NUMBER 18 EDITH 5 AM EST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1963.

AT 5 AM EST...1000Z...TROPICAL STORM EDITH WAS CENTERED ABOUT 35 MILES SOUTH OF TURKS ISLAND NEAR LATITUDE 21 NORTH LONGITUDE 71 WEST. IT WAS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST ABOUT 6 MPH.

EDITH HAS CONTINUED TO WEAKEN AND HIGHEST WINDS ARE ESTIMATED 35 TO 45 MPH IN SQUALLS WITHIN 35 MILES OF THE CENTER.

THE SLOW NORTHWESTWARD DRIFT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN SIZE OR INTENSITY TODAY BUT SOME INCREASE IN INTENSITY IS LIKELY TONIGHT.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE EXTREME EASTERN BAHAMAS AND ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF HAITI AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHOULD NOT VENTURE FAR FROM PORT.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU AT 11 AM EST.

KRAFT

MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU TROPICAL STORM ADVISORY NUMBER 19 EDITH 11 AM EST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1963.

AT 11 AM EST...1600Z...TROPICAL STORM EDITH WAS CENTERED NEAR LATITUDE 21.5 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 72.2 WEST MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST AT 7 MPH. THIS POSITION IS ABOUT 85 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF MAYAGUANA IN THE BAHAMAS.

HIGHEST WINDS ARE 35 TO 45 MPH IN SQUALLS WITHIN 35 MILES OF THE CENTER. GUSTS UP TO 38 MPH HAVE BEEN REPORTED ON TURKS ISLAND AND UP TO 46 MPH AT SOUTH CAICOS.

THE SLOW NORTHWESTWARD DRIFT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS WITH SOME FURTHER DECREASE IN INTENSITY LIKELY.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN BAHAMAS SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE HARBOR.

THE NEXT ADVISORY ON TROPICAL STORM EDITH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU AT 5 PM EST.

DUNN

MIAMI WEATHER BUREAU TROPICAL DEPRESSION ADVISORY NUMBER 20 EDITH 5 PM EST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1963.

AT 5 PM EST...2200Z...TROPICAL DEPRESSION EDITH WAS CENTERED IN APPROXIMATELY LATITUDE 22.8 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 72.0 WEST MOVING NORTHWEST OR NORTH NORTHWEST AT 7 MPH. THIS POSITION IS ABOUT 70 STATUTE MILES NORTHEAST OF MAYAGUANA IN THE BAHAMAS. THE CENTER HAS BECOME VERY DIFFUSED AND IS DIFFICULT TO LOCATE PRECISELY.

HIGHEST SUSTAINED WINDS ARE 30 TO 38 MPH IN A FEW SQUALLS NEAR THE CENTER AND MOSTLY IN THE EASTERN SEMICIRCLE. TURKS ISLAND HAS BEEN REPORTING THE STRONGEST WINDS THIS AFTERNOON WITH STEADY WINDS OF 37 MPH FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND GUSTS TO 51 MPH.

THE DEPRESSION MAY REMAIN EVIDENT FOR 24 HOURS OR MORE AND DRIFT IN A NORTHERLY AND LATER NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION BUT NO INTENSIFICATION IS EXPECTED.

SMALL CRAFT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN BAHAMAS SHOULD REMAIN IN SAFE HARBOR.

NO FURTHER ADVISORIES WILL BE ISSUED ON EDITH UNLESS REDEVELOPMENT OCCURS. BULLETINS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE BENEFIT OF SMALL CRAFT IF WARRANTED.

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