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Following spectacular fire here yesterday, which destroyed more than one hundred slum dwellings leaving almost one thousand persons homeless, we here undertook provide some emergency assistance. This afternoon in appropriate ceremony there was delivered to representative State Secretary Health and Social Assistance two hundred thousand cruzeiros in cash and substantial quantity food and clothing. Money was donated through special campaign organized by Captain George Jacobs (IAGS) as President American Society here. Food and clothing was supplied through Catholic and Protestant voluntary agencies as result initiative taken by Mr. James Maher, regional Food For Peace representative.

In delivering cash and supplies to representative of Secretary who acting as relief coordinator at direction of Governor Arraes, I emphasized this was a "neighborly gesture" inspired by our distress at misfortune suffered by residents Joao de Barros area, locate of fire. Ceremony was covered by local TV and press.

Reports of coverage will be submitted.

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