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Members of the college community,

I will greatly appreciate it if you will take time before details slip away to write down what you (and your family) were doing at 3:51 p.m. on April 3rd, what damage the tornado did to your property, any unusual incidents connected with the tornado and its aftermath you were involved in or observed, and any personal reactions to the tragedy. We believe that this material should form part of the historical record of this day which now joins July 4, 1837 (tornado) and December 19, 1941 (Classic Hall fire) as Hanover's third major disaster. I plan to use some of the material in an extended spread in THE HANOVERIAN and possibly as background for a somewhat more ambitious publishing project. Please check below the appropriate permission and then sign and date the sheet. You may, of course, attach other sheets of data if you wish. And do you mind dropping off your contribution to the information desk in the Ad. Bldg. or put it in the campus mail addressed to me? Sometime this week hopefully?

Frank Baker

I was in conference with a student when Mrs. Zirkle called to warn of the tornado. On the way to the first floor of Classic I stopped to warn Dr. Metz's class. The roar of the tornado and the vacuum are the things I was most aware of when it hit.

When I went out my reaction was - We've got a big job ahead of us. The sooner we get going the better.

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Signed

George A. Zirkle

Date

25 April 1974