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#### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **National Guard to Load and Transport Relief Supplies for Victims of Hurricane Mitch, Sunday at 3 p.m. in Newark**

Gov. Christie Whitman yesterday announced that at her direction, National Guard personnel will assist in the loading and ground transport of goods and supplies as part of relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

National Guard personnel will load supplies into National Guard vehicles on Sunday, between 3-6 pm, at Club Pichanga, 892 Broadway in Newark. Supplies were collected by local volunteers. The cargo will be transported by National Guard vehicles to the Port of Wilmington in Delaware, where it will be loaded on a Chiquita Banana boat bound for Honduras.

Community agencies in New Jersey that have stored supplies and are in need of ground transportation can fax requests for assistance to Alicia Diaz, Director of the Center for Hispanic Policy, Research, and Development at the state Department of Community Affairs at #609-984-0821.