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0798401 TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET F0-F1 (?)

1. DATE AND TIME June 16, 1984 1800 CDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) E of Elie

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1 mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

- small shed destroyed

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Tornado (?)

 SD June 16, 1984

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Saturday night's storm blew apart a storage shelter at a Hi- Way Towing compound, throwing debris up to 15 metres.

City denies liability for damages

'It's just an act of God, a heavy downpour,' -Winnipeg official claims

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supposed to protect homeowners. They are charging us for services and it's their responsibility to keep them up," he said.

"Several years ago they (city officials) told us they had upgraded the sewer system in the Windsor Park area and they assured us we would never have a sewer back up again," he said.

"It's my opinion that our pumping station on Lagimodiere Boulevard was not started up to clear those sewers out."

However, Winnipeg claims supervisor Don McLennan said the city is not liable for damages caused by flooding and sewer back-ups.

"We're advising them (homeowners) to contact their insurance companies," McLennan said. "There's no liability on the part of the city. It was just an act of God, a heavy downpour.

"What can the city do to prevent this? . . . There's no evidence of any city negligence. The city is not accepting any liability."

The claims supervisor estimated his branch had received about 50 inquiries from disgruntled homeowners seeking compensation. "We had one busy spurt for a couple of hours and then it quieted down."

A spokesman for the city's works and operations department said Windsor Park's sewer pumping station was operating Saturday, although it could easily have become overloaded.

"They (pumping stations) are all fully automatic. They cut in when required as soon as the water gets to a certain level," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, insurance spokesman interviewed yesterday agreed most policies do not protect homeowners from sewer back-ups or floods from heavy rains.

"Our policies do not cover sewer back-ups and that's pretty well standard in the industry," Frank Starr, claims manager for Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Co., said.

"It all depends on the situation. If wind breaks open a roof, the water damage and the roof damage is covered," Starr said.

He said his firm has not been flooded with claims from policy-holders seeking compensation for storm damage.

"There has been a few calls, but that happens after every rain. There are actually more calls on wind damage. It's not like back in 1978 when we had thousands of (hail) claims coming in."

Manitoba Public Insurance Corp. spokesman Graham Newton said MPIC had about 65 storm-related claims filed yesterday. Each will be investigated by a corporation adjuster.

"It's more than we normally get. But not all of those will turn out to be insurable losses," Newton said. "If it's just straight water seepage into the basement generally it's not an insurable loss."

Ray Vollrath, executive assistant to Winnipeg's commissioner of works and operations, said the department's emergency services branch responded to about 100 calls late Saturday and early Sunday.

Vollrath said sewer and flooding problems were compounded by about 30 watermain breaks throughout Winnipeg from 11 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. yesterday.

In another development, the thunderstorm could turn into a pain in the pocketbook for the Manitoba Telephone System.

The utility may have to shell out extra money this year to replace 1984 directories that got caught in Saturday's 61.2-millimetre downpour.

MTS chairman Saul Miller said yesterday he knows of at least one resident who returned home Sunday to find a soggy phone book on his front doorsteps.

"How general this is I don't know," Miller said last night.

"But you're always going to get people who are away when the phone books go out."

Miller said he doesn't believe the problem is widespread, noting that many phone books were distributed earlier in the week.

Miller said organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Guides deliver the new phone books. The company pays 28 cents for each phone book delivered.

Miller said youngsters are instructed to place the books inside household doors or on the porch, where there is no danger of them getting wet.

He conceded, though, that some youngsters simply leave the phone books on doorsteps.

Miller said the utility would gladly replace any damaged phone books.

He said it's highly unlikely the telephone system will be forced to print more books, as it already has many extras.

Strike at Canada Packers feared after negotiations fail