Pool was called into the Oval at 12:20pm.

“We thought we would give you an update on the hurricane,” the president says. Trump says we “got lucky” in Florida.

“It took a right turn. Hopefully we are going to be lucky.” President says it depends on what happens with North and South Carolina.

Trump says the Bahamas was hit hard, like “few have seen before.” Says the U.S. will help at the government’s request.

McAleenan says hurricane remains a category 2, “very powerful.”

“We've been very well prepared,” McAleenan says, noting a lot of assets were pre-deployed. “We are on our toes looking forward to responding effectively.”

Trump says “we were really well prepared in Puerto Rico.” Says we were prepared but “it didn’t get hit.”

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