

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 2000

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

Consistent with P.L. 106-259, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2001, and in accordance with provisions of P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I hereby request the following:

Department of Defense

- Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Defense-wide:
\$200,000,000

These funds will support critical national security activities.

I hereby designate the above request as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William L. Clinton in black ink.

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 18, 2000

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$200.0 million in previously appropriated emergency funds for the Department of Defense.

P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided \$1,496.6 million in emergency funding for defense-wide operation and maintenance activities, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. To date, \$1,296.6 million of that amount has been designated for such activities, leaving a balance of \$200.0 million.

As part of your FY 2001 Budget, we proposed to the Congress that the remaining \$200.0 million be redirected to certain classified activities. Congress approved the use of the \$200.0 million for these activities as described in the Classified Annex to the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference for P.L. 106-259, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2001. The specific purpose for which these funds will be used is provided under separate classification.

I recommend that you designate the \$200.0 million as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew".

Jacob J. Lew
Director

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**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

Department of Defense

Operation and Maintenance:

Operation and maintenance, Defense-wide..... \$200,000,000

Division B, Title I, Chapter 1 of P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided \$1,496.6 million in emergency funding for defense-wide operation and maintenance activities, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

To date, \$1,296.6 million of the amount provided has been released to support various national security activities. At this time, the remaining \$200.0 million is needed to support ongoing national security programs.