

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

August 30, 2001

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, I hereby request and make available \$100 million in emergency appropriations provided under Title I for the Department of the Interior and \$150 million in emergency appropriations provided under Title II for the Department of Agriculture. These emergency funds were provided for wildland firefighting suppression and rehabilitation activities and will be used to combat wildfires in the western United States.

In addition, Estimate Number 26 for the 106th Congress, 2nd Session, transmitted on December 4, 2000, is amended as follows:

**Department of Agriculture**

Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund:

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| Dairy income assistance: such sums as may be necessary, estimated at . .                            | \$675,000,000 |
| Honey nonrecourse loans: such sums as may be necessary, estimated at .                              | \$60,000,000  |
| Amortization of recapture payments: such sums as may be necessary,<br>estimated at . . . . .        | \$3,000,000   |
| Loan deficiency payments: such sums as may be necessary,<br>estimated at . . . . .                  | \$35,000,000  |
| Rice loan deficiency payments eligibility: such sums as may be necessary,<br>estimated at . . . . . | \$5,500,000   |
| Tobacco quota holder assistance: such sums as may be necessary,<br>estimated at . . . . .           | \$10,000,000  |

The details of these actions are set forth in the attached letter from the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John B. L.", written in a cursive style.



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

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

August 30, 2001

The President

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Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior. The funding provided was made contingent upon your submission of a budget request to the Congress that includes designation of the amount requested as an emergency requirement. Your approval of these requests would make available a total of \$250 million for firefighting activities to combat wildfires in the Western States. These funds will be used for fire suppression activities, including firefighter mobilization and aerial and ground operations, as well as for rehabilitation of environmentally sensitive burned areas.

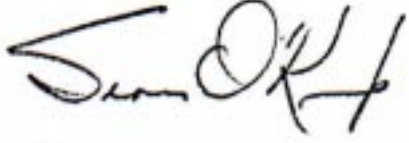
Title I of P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$200 million in contingent emergency funding for the Department of the Interior to address wildland firefighting needs, of which \$100 million was designated as an emergency and released on January 19, 2001. This request would make available the remaining \$100 million for emergency firefighting needs in the Western States.

In addition, Title II of P.L. 106-291 provided \$426 million in contingent emergency funding to the Department of Agriculture to address wildland firefighting needs, of which \$276 million was designated as an emergency and released on January 19, 2001. This request would make available the remaining \$150 million for emergency firefighting needs in the Western States.

This transmittal also contains technical corrections to Department of Agriculture materials transmitted on December 4, 2000. The details of the corrections are listed in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I join the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior in recommending that you sign the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean O'Keefe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "O".

Sean O'Keefe  
Deputy Director

Enclosure

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

**Department of Agriculture**

Forest Service:

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title II of P.L. 106-291) . . . . \$150 million

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**Department of the Interior**

Bureau of Land Management:

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title I of P.L. 106-291) . . . . \$100 million

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