

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 19, 2001

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-387, P.L. 106-291, P.L. 106-377, and P.L. 106-554, I hereby request and make available each of the emergency appropriations listed in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I designate these funds as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

These resources will support a variety of emergency activities of critical importance to our Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William J. Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "C".

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

January 19, 2001

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture (USDA), the Interior (DOI), and the Treasury, as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Legislative Branch. All of the emergency 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 \$4.8 billion for a variety of purposes, described below.

P.L. 106-387, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided a total of \$4.2 billion in contingent emergency funding for agricultural disaster assistance and assistance to low-income citizens. To date, you have designated and made available \$1.4 billion of that amount. The funds requested in this transmittal would make available the remaining \$2.8 billion, and will support the Nation's farmers, ranchers, rural communities, and low-income populations, through support for land conservation efforts, crop and animal loss reimbursements, livestock disease control programs, loan forgiveness, and nutrition assistance. In addition, P.L. 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$0.05 billion in contingent emergency funding for USDA. Specifically, this emergency funding will support reimbursement for livestock losses due to bovine tuberculosis, increased funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and expansion of Federal meals programs for children upon your designation of the entire \$0.05 billion provided for these purposes as emergency requirements.

P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided a total of \$1.6 billion in contingent emergency funding. To date, you have made available \$0.01 billion of this amount. This transmittal includes requests for an additional \$1.3 billion to be made available to USDA and DOI to address wildland fire management. These funds will be used to continue fire suppression operations, rehabilitate lands destroyed by wildfires, reduce the presence of hazardous fuels in sensitive areas, and assist rural firefighting efforts.

P.L. 106-377, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$1.3 billion in contingent emergency funding to support the disaster relief operations of FEMA, none of which has been released to date. Since you recently declared disaster areas in Oklahoma and Arkansas due to the severe damage caused by winter storms there, FEMA has been working with State and local authorities to clear snow and ice and assist residents of the affected areas. This request would make available \$0.6 billion for this and other disaster relief activities.

P.L. 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, also provided contingent emergency funding for the Legislative Branch and the Department of the Treasury. Specifically, \$0.02 billion in emergency funding was provided to support security enhancements at the Capitol building, improvements to House office buildings, and counter-terrorism efforts associated with national special security events. This request would make available the entire \$0.02 billion for these purposes.

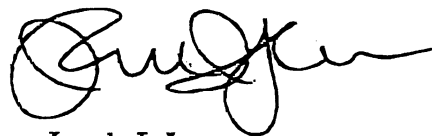
Resource requirements for the Department of the Treasury's counter-terrorism efforts noted above have been estimated using the best available information to date. Actual expenditures incurred for the Inauguration, the State of the Union, and the 2002 Winter Olympics may differ from the original level sought from the Counter-Terrorism Fund. The Department of the Treasury will work with OMB to monitor this Fund to ensure that law enforcement bureaus are reimbursed for actual expenses and that any excess amounts are held in reserve to meet unforeseen needs related to counter-terrorist activities. Future transmittals to the Congress seeking release of funds from the Counter-Terrorism Fund will provide further details on actual fund expenditures.

I recommend that you designate the above requests totaling \$4.8 billion, which are detailed in the enclosure to this letter, as emergency requirements 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.

This transmittal also contains a revision to the amount of emergency funding that you made available on December 4, 2000, for USDA's Forest Service, State and Private Forestry account. This revision is listed in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending 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", written in a cursive style.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosure

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

Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency:

Salaries and Expenses \$ 50,000,000

Commodity Credit Corporation Fund:

Conservation reserve program and wetlands reserve program \$ 35,000,000

Payments for livestock losses \$ 490,000,000

Crop losses on 2000 crop: such sums

as may be necessary, estimated at \$1,400,000,000

Quality losses on 2000 crop: such sums

as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 500,000,000

Payments to apple producers for market losses \$ 100,000,000

Payments to apple and potato producers for crop losses \$ 38,000,000

Payments for losses due to invasive species: such sums

as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 45,000,000

Burley tobacco loan forgiveness: such sums

as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 100,000,000

Food and Nutrition Service, Food Stamp Program:

Housing deduction: such sums as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 24,000,000

Vehicle deduction: such sums as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 36,000,000

P.L. 106-387, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, included \$4.2 billion in emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President. In addition, on December 18, 2000, the President designated and made available \$1.4 billion of the total emergency funding provided. The funds made available today will provide support for land conservation efforts, crop and animal loss reimbursements, livestock disease control programs, loan forgiveness, and nutrition assistance.

Forest Service:

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title II of P.L. 106-291) . . . \$ 276,000,000

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title IV of P.L. 106-291) . . \$ 619,274,000

P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, included emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President. These funds will be used to continue fire suppression operations, rehabilitate lands destroyed by wildfires, reduce the presence of hazardous fuels in sensitive areas, and assist rural firefighting efforts.

Office of the General Counsel:

Office of the General Counsel \$ 500,000

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service:

Bovine tuberculosis claims: such sums

as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 6,300,000

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration:

Salaries and Expenses \$ 200,000

Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund:

Environmental quality improvement program \$ 26,000,000

Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Programs:

Child and adult care food program, eligibility of private organizations:

such sums as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 10,800,000

Summer food service program, pilot projects: such sums

as may be necessary, estimated at \$ 6,200,000

P.L. 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, included emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President. These funds will support reimbursement for livestock losses due to bovine tuberculosis, increased funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and expansion of Federal meals programs for children.

Forest Service:

State, Private, and International Forestry \$ 12,500,000

Pursuant to P.L. 106-291, on December 4, 2000, the President designated and made available emergency funding for the activity listed above. This transmittal revises that designation to correct a technical error.

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management:

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title I of P.L. 106-291) . . . \$ 100,000,000

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title IV of P.L. 106-291) . . \$ 353,740,000

P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, included emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President. These funds will be used to continue fire suppression operations, rehabilitate lands destroyed by wildfires, reduce the presence of hazardous fuels in sensitive areas, and assist rural firefighting efforts.

Department of the Treasury

Departmental Offices:

Counter-Terrorism Fund: such sums as may be necessary, up to \$ 11,522,000

P.L. 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, provided funding for the Treasury Counter-Terrorism Fund, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amount

listed above has been so designated by the President. A total of up to \$11.5 million will be used by the Department of the Treasury to support counter-terrorism efforts associated with national special security events. Customs Service requirements for the Inauguration and State of the Union Address are currently estimated at a total cost of up to \$1.4 million, or up to \$700,000 for each event. In addition, up to \$10.1 million will be made available to the Treasury Department's law enforcement bureaus to offset the cost of providing counter-terrorism support for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Disaster Relief \$ 600,000,000

P.L. 106-377, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, included \$1.3 billion in emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amount listed above has been so designated by the President. These funds will support winter storm disaster relief in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas as well as other disaster relief activities.

Legislative Branch

Architect of the Capitol:

House Office Buildings \$ 9,000,000

Joint Items, Capitol Police Board:

Security enhancements \$ 2,102,000

P.L. 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, included emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President. These funds will support security enhancements at the Capitol building and improvements to House office buildings.