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AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1997 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 1997 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, WITH RESPECT TO SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL ACTIVITIES IN NORTH KOREA, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107.



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, May 14, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

SIR: I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the FY 1997 appropriations request for the Department of Energy. This proposal would amend pending language to specify that, of funds provided, $7.9 million would be available for spent nuclear fuel activities in North Korea.

This transmittal also contains an FY 1997 budget amendment for the Legislative Branch. As required by law, budget requests of the Legislative Branch are transmitted without change.

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

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

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

THE DIRECTOR

May 14, 1996

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is an amendment to your FY 1997 appropriations request for the Department of Energy. The proposed change would add language to the Other Defense Activities account that would specify that, of the funds provided, $7.9 million would be available for canning and associated activities pertaining to spent nuclear fuel in North Korea. The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

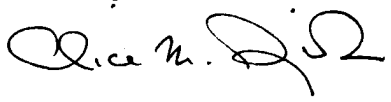
The Department of Energy is working with the government of North Korea to place the spent nuclear fuel from the Nyongbyon reactor in safe and secure storage. This process will make the spent fuel available for international safeguards inspection through the International Atomic Energy Agency and avoid the possibility that the fuel could be reprocessed and plutonium recovered, which could be used for nuclear weapons.

As the Department outlined in its budget justification materials submitted to Congress, the original allocation proposed for spent fuel canning activities was $5.0 million. The estimate of the funding needed for these activities has now been increased to $7.9 million and, through this amendment, would be specified in appropriations language. The additional $2.9 million allocated for these activities would be offset by reductions in other Department of Energy arms control and nonproliferation activities.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Energy in recommending that it be transmitted to Congress.

Also included in this transmittal is a budget amendment for the Legislative Branch. As required by law, appropriations requests of the Legislative Branch are transmitted without change.

Sincerely,



Alice M. Rivlin
Director

Enclosures

Agency:	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bureau:	ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES
Heading:	Other Defense Activities
FY 1997 Budget Appendix Page:	435
FY 1997 Pending Request:	$1,548,231,000
Proposed Amendment:	Language
Revised Request:	$1,548,231,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert , of which not to exceed $7,900,000 shall be available for canning and associated activities pertaining to spent nuclear fuel in North Korea immediately before the period.)

The Department of Energy is working with the government of North Korea to place the spent nuclear fuel discharged from its reactor at the Nyongbyon site in safe and secure storage. This important national security activity will avoid the possibility of the North Koreans reprocessing the fuel to obtain 25-30 kilograms of plutonium, which could be used to make nuclear weapons.

As outlined in the budget justification materials submitted to Congress, the Department originally proposed that $5.0 million be allocated for its spent fuel canning activities during FY 1997. The estimate of the funding needed for these activities has now been increased to $7.9 million and, through this amendment, would be specified in appropriations language. The additional $2.9 million allocated for these activities would be offset by reductions in other Department of Energy arms control and nonproliferation activities.

The proposed amendment would not affect FY 1997 outlays.

Agency:	LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau:	LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
Heading:	Copyright Office Salaries and Expenses
FY 1997 Budget Appendix Page:	28
FY 1997 Pending Request:	$32,766,000
Proposed Amendment:	$1,800,000
Revised Request:	$34,566,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "32,766,000" and substitute $34,566,000; delete "3,138,000" and substitute $4,938,000; and delete "$20,478,000" and substitute $22,278,000.)

This proposal would increase the total appropriations request for the Copyright Office by $1.8 million and increase the authority to use offsetting collections by the same amount, resulting in a net change of zero. The increased resources will provide funding for arbitrator costs associated with royalty distribution proceedings and/or rate adjustments proceedings.

Net FY 1997 outlays would not be affected by this proposal.

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