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REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE  
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$21,975,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ALSO A REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$14,415,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND TO DESIGNATE THE AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE AS EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(D)(i) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, March 31, 1995.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 103-333, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, I hereby make available appropriations totaling \$21,957,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services. These funds will be used to assist in meeting urgent public health needs resulting from the damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto and subsequent flooding.

Also, in accordance with provisions of P.L. 103-332, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, I hereby make available appropriations of \$14,415,000 in budget authority for the Emergency pest suppression fund of the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture. These funds will ensure that current pest suppression needs throughout the United States are met.

I designate the amounts made available as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

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.

Enclosure.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,  
*Washington, DC, March 31, 1995.*

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services. Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds in order to assist communities in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama in meeting urgent public health needs resulting from the damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto and subsequent flooding.

Public Law 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, included a \$35 million contingent emergency fund. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. At this time, \$21,975,000 is needed to assist Georgia, Florida, and Alabama in preventing the spread of communicable diseases; promoting public health surveillance; providing assistance to community health centers; and promoting support services for children, families, and the elderly.

Also submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$14,415,000 in emergency appropriations for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds for high-priority pest suppression needs in FY 1995.

The \$7.8 million appropriated to the Forest Service in FY 1995 for regular pest prevention and suppression will meet 35 percent of the currently estimated high-priority pest suppression projects. The requested designation of an additional \$14.4 million as an emergency requirement will enable the Forest Service to meet all currently identified suppression needs during FY 1995.

Without this additional funding, timber harvesting on the National Forest System would be reduced, while maintenance costs would increase, and the susceptibility of the Nation's forests to fire would become greater. In addition, future costs for gypsy moth suppression would increase.

I recommend that you designate these requests as emergency funding requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of

Health and Human Services and the Secretary-designate of the Department of Agriculture in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No further congressional action will be required.

Sincerely,

ALICE M. RIVLIN, *Director.*

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED  
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Department of Health and Human Services:  
Public health and social services emergency fund ..... \$21,975,000

Title VI, Emergency Appropriations, contained in Public Law 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, provided \$35 million for the Public health and social services emergency fund. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. At this time, \$21,975,000 is needed to assist Georgia, Florida, and Alabama in preventing the spread of communicable diseases; promoting public health surveillance; providing assistance to community health centers; and providing support services for children, families, and the elderly.

These funds will be allocated to the following HHS organizations: Administration on Aging (\$2,000,000); Administration for Children and Families (\$7,590,000); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (\$6,000,000); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (\$5,100,000); Health Resources and Services Administration (\$285,000); and for an HHS-wide contingency fund for flood recovery efforts (\$1,000,000).

Department of Agriculture—Forest Service:  
Emergency pest suppression fund ..... \$14,415,000

Public Laws 102-381, 103-138, and 103-332, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts of 1993, 1994, and 1995 provided \$26 million, \$15 million, and \$17 million in contingent emergency funding, respectively, for the Emergency pest suppression fund. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President notifying the Congress of his designation of any or all of these amounts as emergency requirements. A total of \$27 million has been made available previously.

Of the \$31 million remaining in the Emergency pest suppression fund, \$14.4 million is now required for pest suppression efforts to preserve the Nation's forest resources.