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AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 1998 APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1998 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 12, 1997.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask Congress to consider the enclosed amendment to the FY 1998 appropriations request for the Department of Commerce. This proposal would provide $3.5 million for inspection support to commercial facilities pursuant to implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration is responsible for CWC implementation for commercial facilities. The Department of Defense's On-Site Inspection Agency (OSIA) will provide inspection support to teams of international inspectors at commercial facilities. The Bureau of Export Administration will reimburse the OSIA for this activity.

The $3.5 million for the Department of Commerce would be allocated from the increased funding provided for the National Defense (050) function in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement. The funding increase for the Bureau of Export Administration will be classified as subfunction 054 (Defense-related activities). 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 his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosures.

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

THE DIRECTOR

August 12, 1997

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is an FY 1998 budget amendment to provide an additional $3.5 million for the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration.

The Bureau of Export Administration is responsible for the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) implementation program for commercial facilities. This includes funding travel, food, and lodging for United Nations inspectors, coordinating commercial facility data declaration for CWC compliance, negotiating facility-specific inspection agreements, assisting commercial facilities in maintaining confidentiality during inspections, and addressing legal issues related to challenge inspections. The Department of Defense's On-Site Inspection Agency (OSIA) will provide inspection support activities to teams of international inspectors. The Bureau of Export Administration will reimburse the OSIA for this activity.

The requested funds would be allocated from the increased funding provided for the National Defense (050) function in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement. The funding increase for Bureau of Export Administration will be classified as subfunction 054 (Defense-related activities).

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Defense in recommending that you approve this request by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Franklin D. Raines
Director

Enclosures

FY 1998 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Agency:	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau:	EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
Heading:	Operations and Administration
FY 1998 Budget Appendix Page:	272
FY 1998 Pending Request:	$43,126,000
Proposed Amendment:	$3,500,000
Revised Request:	$46,626,000

The amendment would provide $3.5 million to the Bureau of Export Administration to reimburse the Department of Defense's On-Site Inspection Agency for inspection support activities provided to commercial facilities under the Chemical Weapons Convention. New outlays as a result of the amendment are estimated at $2,975,000 in FY 1998.

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