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EMERGENCY FUNDING REQUIREMENT

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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A LETTER RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE $5 MILLION TO INITIATE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY OUTLET FOR DEVILS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA AS AN EMERGENCY FUNDING REQUIREMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 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, October 23, 1997.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1998 provided $5,000,000 to initiate construction of an emergency outlet for Devils Lake, North Dakota. In that Act, the Congress designated the funds as an emergency requirement. I, also, designate the $5,000,000 provided as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action 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.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 21, 105th Cong., 1st Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, October 23, 1997.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration is a request to designate $5 million provided in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1998 to the Construction, General account of the Army Corps of Engineers as an emergency requirement. These funds were provided to initiate construction of an emergency outlet from Devils Lake, North Dakota to the Sheyenne River. The outlet is needed to reduce the flood damages suffered by the residents of the Devils Lake Basin from the rising waters of the lake.

The Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) under delegated authority from the Secretary of the Army has made the determination that an emergency as defined by section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93–288, exists at Devils Lake, North Dakota.

I recommend that you designate the $5 million provided as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army in recommending that you designate the funds as an emergency requirement by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. RAINES, *Director.*

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