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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST, FY 1998

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUESTS FOR AN EMERGENCY FY 1998 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $1,632.2 MILLION FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 24, 1998.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask Congress to consider the enclosed request for an emergency FY 1998 supplemental appropriation of $1,632.2 million for disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Accompanying this request is an FY 1999 budget amendment that reduces my pending FY 1999 request for FEMA by the same amount.

The FY 1998 supplemental is being requested as a contingent appropriation which would be available upon my submittal of a subsequent budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

The details of these requests 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. 5
105th Congress, 2nd Session

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

THE DIRECTOR

March 24, 1998

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request for an emergency FY 1998 supplemental appropriation for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that would provide funds for emergency expenses resulting from flooding and other natural disasters. An accompanying request for an FY 1999 budget amendment for FEMA would correspondingly reduce the pending FY 1999 request.

The supplemental request of $1,632.2 million would provide funding for FEMA's emergency response and recovery efforts throughout the United States related to disasters that have occurred in FY 1998 and prior years. There have been emergency declarations in 16 States since January 1, 1998. This funding would be used for unmet requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated requirements in the remaining months of FY 1998.

The supplemental request represents an acceleration of funds included in your FY 1999 Budget for FEMA and would be available only upon your submitting a budget request to Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. The budget included an FY 1999 request for $2,258.5 million in contingent emergency funds. Since $1,632.2 million is now being requested to be provided as a contingent emergency appropriation in FY 1998, the proposed FY 1999 budget amendment would reduce the pending request by this same amount.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Accordingly, I join Director Witt in recommending that you transmit the proposals to Congress.

Sincerely,

Franklin D. Raines
Director

Enclosures

FY 1998 Supplemental Request

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Disaster Relief

For an additional amount for "Disaster Relief" for emergency expenses resulting from flooding and other natural disasters, $1,632,189,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to Congress: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

This request would provide supplemental funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its emergency response and recovery efforts throughout the United States for disasters that have occurred in FY 1998 and prior years. This funding would be used for unmet requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated requirements in the remaining months of the current fiscal year. The supplemental funds are requested on a contingency basis.

This requested increase represents an acceleration of funds requested in the FY 1999 Budget. The accompanying FY 1999 budget amendment reduces the pending FY 1999 request by $1,632,189,000, the amount of the requested supplemental.

FY 1999 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Agency:	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Heading:	Disaster Relief
FY 1999 Budget Appendix Page:	901
FY 1999 Pending Request:	$2,566,230,000
Proposed Amendment:	-$1,632,189,000 (contingent emergency)
Revised Request:	$934,041,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$2,258,485,000" and substitute $626,296,000.)

The FY 1999 Budget included a request for $2,258,485,000 that would be contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. This amendment would reduce this contingent request by $1,632,189,000. An accompanying FY 1997 supplemental request proposes to accelerate funds requested in the budget for unmet requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated requirements in the remaining months of the current fiscal year.