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REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

REQUESTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE, THE INTERIOR, AND TRANSPORTATION; THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS; THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY; AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE, PURSUANT TO PUB. L. 105–174



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, May 8, 1998.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 105–174, the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act, to make available emergency appropriations and for other purposes, I hereby request the following:

Department of Agriculture

- Farm Service Agency, Agricultural credit insurance fund program account: $21,000,000
- Farm Service Agency, Emergency conservation program: $30,000,000
- Farm Service Agency, Emergency conservation program: $4,000,000
- Farm Service Agency, Tree assistance program: $14,000,000
- Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation fund, Livestock disaster assistance program: $4,000,000
- Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation fund, Dairy production disaster assistance program: $6,800,000
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and flood prevention operations: $80,000,000
- Forest Service, State and private forestry: $28,000,000
- Forest Service, National forest system: $5,461,000
- Forest Service, Wildland fire management: $2,000,000

Department of Defense

- Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Defense-wide: $125,528,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Overseas contingency operations transfer fund: $1,814,100,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Overseas humanitarian, disaster, and civic aid: $36,500,000
- Procurement, Aircraft procurement, Navy: $272,500,000
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide: $179,000,000
- Military Construction, Military construction, Army National Guard: $3,700,000
- Military Construction, Base realignment and closure account, part III: $1,020,000
- Family Housing, Family housing, Navy and Marine Corps: $2,500,000
- Family Housing, Family housing, Air Force: $900,000
- Revolving and Management Funds, Reserve mobilization income insurance fund: $47,000,000

Department of Defense—Civil, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers—Civil

- Operation and maintenance, general: $105,185,000

Department of Energy

- Energy Programs, Strategic Petroleum Reserve: revenue forgone in the amount of $207,500,000

Department of the Interior

- Bureau of Reclamation, Water and related resources: $4,520,000
- Bureau of Land Management, Construction: $1,837,000
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Construction: $29,130,000
- National Park Service, Construction: $9,506,000
- United States Geological Survey, Surveys, investigations, and research: $1,198,000
- Bureau of Indian Affairs: $1,065,000

Department of Transportation

- Federal Railroad Administration, Emergency railroad rehabilitation and repair: $9,800,000

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Disaster relief: $1,600,000,000

International Assistance Program

- International Security Assistance, Non-proliferation, antiterrorism, demining, and related programs: $14,000,000

United States Information Agency

- International broadcasting operations: $5,000,000

These funds will support critical relief efforts for the victims of recent natural disasters, U.S. peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Southwest Asia, and other purposes. All of the funds will be available immediately.

In addition, pursuant to the third proviso under the heading, "Strategic Petroleum Reserve," in Public Law 105–83, as added by Public Law 195–174, I have determined that the drawdown and sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve would be imprudent at this time in light of current market conditions.

I hereby designate all of the above requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) 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 his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 6, 105th Congress, 2d Session]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, May 8, 1998.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available previously appropriated emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, the Interior, and Transportation; the Corps of Engineers; the Federal Emergency Management Agency; the United States Information Agency; and International Security Assistance.

P.L. 105–174, the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act, provided certain emergency funds for which the availability was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress that includes designation of the entire amount requested as an emergency appropriation.

I recommend that you designate the amounts listed on the enclosure as emergency requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action is required.

The resources that you are making available will fund disaster-related requirements, including damage caused by El Nino-related storms in California, ice storms in New England, and tornados and flooding in the Southeast, and will continue to fund U.S. peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Southwest Asia. Based on emergency designations contained in this transmittal and prior transmittals, you will have made available a total of $2.8 billion for the Department of Defense to enable us to meet our commitment to our troops in Bosnia and the Gulf, to support readiness worldwide and for other purposes and a total of $2.4 billion for non-defense programs, primarily to aid victims of natural disasters at home.

In addition, I recommend, in accordance with provisions of P.L. 105–174, that you include in your transmittal to Congress a determination that the drawdown and sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve would be imprudent at this time in light of current market conditions.

P.L. 105–174 provides $130 million in contingent emergency funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. We will be providing you with recommendations on the release of these funds once HUD has developed procedures necessary to comply with the requirements contained in the legislation and established a mechanism for allocating funds to the States. The Act includes requirements that States administer these CDBG funds and provide not less than 25 percent of the total assistance in non-Fed-

eral public matching funds (or their equivalent value). We are working with HUD to establish procedures, in a timely manner, to administer these funds and address the needs of disaster victims in the most effective way possible.

P.L. 105–174 provides $224 million in emergency funding, as requested, for the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief program. These funds were available upon enactment. The Act also provides, as requested, $35 million in contingent emergency funding. Consistent with past practice, as damage survey estimates are completed and if States' requests for funding begin to approach the funds available, we will provide you with recommendations on the release of these funds.

Finally, P.L. 105–174 provides $28 million in contingent emergency funding for U.S. contributions to the International Trust Fund of the Republic of Slovenia, Mine Clearance, and Assistance to Mine Victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina. These contributions are to be deposited in the fund in two equal annual installments. As noted under the heading "International Assistance Program," $14 million would be made available through this transmittal. The remaining $14 million would be made available when the statutory requirements in the Act have been met.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Accordingly, I join the heads of the affected departments and agencies in recommending that you approve these requests by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. RAINES, *Director.*

Enclosure.

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