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MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUESTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE \$4.2 BILLION IN PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, October 23, 1998.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of H.R. 4328, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1998, I hereby request the following:

Department of Agriculture

Risk Management Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation fund: \$48,000,000

Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation fund: \$4,174,000,000

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Forestry incentives program: \$10,000,000

Office of the Secretary, Office of the Secretary: \$250,000

These funds will help address the crisis gripping our Nation's farm community. Together with the emergency funds that were available immediately upon my signing H.R. 4328 on October 21st, emergency assistance to farmers and ranchers provided by that legislation totals \$5.9 billion.

I hereby designate all of the above requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 25(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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, October 23, 1998.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available \$4.2 billion in previously appropriated emergency funds for the Department of Agriculture.

H.R. 4328, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided a total of \$5.9 billion in emergency assistance to farmers and ranchers. Of this amount, the availability of \$4.2 billion was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

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 will be required.

The funds, together with the emergency farm assistance funds that were available immediately upon your signature of H.R. 4328, will strengthen the farm safety net. The resources will help hard-working farmers achieve a decent living, despite the misfortune of bad weather, crop disease, collapsing markets, or other forces that affect their livelihoods.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Agriculture in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

JACOB J. LEW, *Director.*

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

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