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SPECIAL IMPOUNDMENT MESSAGE FOR FISCAL
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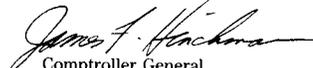
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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On February 10, 1997, the President submitted to the Congress his second special impoundment message for fiscal year 1997. The message reports nine proposed rescissions and one revised deferral of budget authority number D97-7A.¹ On March 19, 1997, the President submitted to the Congress his third special impoundment message for fiscal year 1997. The message reports one proposed rescission of budget authority number R97-11. We have reviewed the proposed rescissions and revised deferral contained in the second and third special messages and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, *et seq.*, as amended.

Enclosure I provides specific information with regard to the rescissions reported in the second special message. Enclosure II provides the list of the proposed rescissions and the deferral as submitted by the President in his special messages.


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ENCLOSURE I

**COMMENTS ON THE SECOND SPECIAL MESSAGE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

R97-1 Foreign Agricultural Service
P.L. 480 grants -Titles I (OFD), II,
and III
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$3,500,000
12X2278

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R97-1 dated February 14, 1997, the total budgetary resources total \$897,912,000 and not \$907,595,615 as reported by the President on February 10, 1997.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R97-4 Operation and Maintenance
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$10,000,000
977/0100

R97-5 Procurement
National Guard and Reserve Equipment
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$62,000,000
977/90350
976/80350
975/70350

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R97-4 dated March 7, 1997, the total budgetary resources total \$11,053,096,000 and not \$10,899,000,000 as reported by the President on February 10, 1997.

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R97-5 dated February 28, 1997, the total budgetary resources total \$787,749,000 and not \$1,224,000,000 as reported by the President on February 10, 1997.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

R97-7 Power Marketing Administration
 Construction, rehabilitation,
 operation and maintenance
 Western Area Power Administration
 Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$2,111,000
 89X5068

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R97-7 dated March 27, 1997, the total budgetary resources total \$421,895,755 and not \$414,895,000 as reported by the President on February 10, 1997.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

R97-9 Department of Justice
 General Administration
 Working Capital Fund
 Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$6,400,000
 15X4526

According to the most recent apportionment schedule submitted by the agency for the third quarter for the account in R97-9, the total budgetary resources total \$782,625,706 and not \$928,266,780 as reported by the President on February 10, 1997.

Enclosure II

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(in thousands of dollars)

<u>Rescission No.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Budgetary Resources</u>
	Department of Agriculture	
	Foreign Agricultural Service	
R97-1	P.L. 480 grants – Titles I (OFD), II, and III.....	3,500
R97-2	P.L. 480 program account.....	46,500
	Department of Defense - Military	
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R97-6	Strategic petroleum reserve.....	11,000
	Power Marketing Administrations	
R97-7	Construction, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance, Western Area Power Administration.....	2,111
	Department of Housing and Urban Development	
	Public and Indian Housing Programs	
R97-8	Annual contributions for assisted housing.....	250,000
	Department of Justice	
	General Administration	
R97-9	Working capital fund.....	6,400
	General Services Administration	
	General Activities	
R97-10	Expenses, Presidential transition.....	5,600
	Total, rescissions.....	397,111
<u>Deferral No.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Budgetary Resources</u>
	Social Security Administration	
D97-7A	Limitation on administrative expenses.....	7,369
	Total, deferrals.....	7,369

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R97-11	Clean coal technology.....	10,000



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