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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 16, 1999.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I hereby request the following:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Disaster relief: $453,000,000

Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Disaster loans program account: $65,000,000

These funds will allow FEMA and SBA to provide immediate assistance to victims of severe winter storms in Alabama, New York, and Indiana, and recent tornadoes in Tennessee and Arkansas. Funds will also be used for requirements resulting from previously declared disasters and from anticipated disaster activity in the remaining months of the current fiscal year.

I hereby designate 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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, February 16, 1999.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available emergency appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA). Your approval of these requests would make available previously appropriated funds to address the needs of victims of severe winter storms in Alabama, New York, and Indiana, and recent tornadoes in Tennessee and Arkansas.

P.L. 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided $906 million in emergency funding for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund and $101 million for SBA's Disaster Loan Program contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. These requests would make available $518 million—$453 million for FEMA and $65 million for SBA—to address the immediate needs of the affected States, and also to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters in the remaining months of the current fiscal year.

I recommend that you designate these requests 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.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the FEMA Director and the SBA Administrator 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

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):	
Disaster relief	$453,000,000
Small Business Administration (SBA):	
Disaster loans program account	$65,000,000

Division B, Title IV, of P.L. 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided $906 million and $101 million, respectively, to FEMA and SBA contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emer-

gency requirement. None of these funds have yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available.

A total of $518 million—$453 million for FEMA and $65 million ($35 million for loan subsidies and $30 million for administrative expenses) for SBA—is required to provide assistance to victims of severe winter storms in Alabama, New York, and Indiana, and recent tornadoes in Tennessee and Arkansas. Funds will also be used to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters in the remaining months of the current fiscal year.

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