EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM AND RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23, 2001.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed
THE WHITE HOUSE,  

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107–38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, today I have authorized transfers from the Emergency Response Fund totaling $1.7 billion for emergency recovery and response and national security activities listed in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. As provided in Public Law 107–38, $1.6 billion of these funds will be made available to agencies 15 days from the date of this transmittal and $71.4 million will be made available to the Department of Defense immediately.

These funds are in addition to the $7.2 billion that I previously authorized for transfer and will allow our Government to continue to address the consequences—both at home and abroad—arising from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

On October 17th, I asked the Congress to provide $20 billion in emergency funding for both defense and domestic needs related to the September attacks. I urge the Congress to enact these crucial resources without delay.

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,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

Enclosure.
Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available by transfer previously appropriated funds provided in P.L. 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001. You have previously authorized the transfer of $7.2 billion from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

Your approval of these additional requests would transfer a total of $1.7 billion from the ERF to the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, State, and Transportation; International Assistance Programs; and the Broadcasting Board of Governors. The funding would address consequences of the attacks, including funding for: the use of National Guard personnel and additional sky marshals to provide increased airport security; food assistance programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as other neighboring countries; economic assistance to Pakistan; counterterrorism activities; and national security operations.

These requests represent the fourth round of transfers from the ERF to respond to urgent requirements arising from the September terrorist attacks. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, $1.6 billion of these funds will be made available to agencies 15 days after this designation is forwarded to Congress and $71.4 million will be made available to the Department of Defense without further congressional review.

Following an extensive review of individual agency proposals, on October 17th, you asked the Congress to provide $20 billion in emergency funding for additional immediate and near-term requirements. We will work with the Congress to ensure that these funds are enacted quickly so that recovery from the attacks can continue without interruption.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending your approval of the transfers described in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR.,
Director.

Enclosure.
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO BE TRANSFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Available Immediately:
Department of Defense (DOD)—Military ............................................ $71,400,000

These resources will provide for increased situational awareness ($41.4 million) and the initial costs of National Guard personnel to provide airport security ($30.0 million).

Available After 15 Days:
Department of Agriculture: Foreign Agricultural Service P.L. 480 Grants ................................................................. $22,000,000

These funds will be used to purchase and deliver food to vulnerable people inside Afghanistan, as well as potential new refugees in Pakistan and other neighboring countries.

Department of Defense (DOD)—Military ........................................ $1,098,000,000

These resources will provide funding for: increased situational awareness ($438.0 million); improved command and control ($210.0 million); National Guard personnel providing airport security ($175.0 million); offensive counterterrorism ($140.0 million); increased worldwide posture—mobilization of National Guard and Reserve personnel ($70.0 million); repair of the Pentagon ($41.0 million); enhanced force protection—Winter Olympics security ($20.0 million); and initial crisis response—Pentagon security ($4.0 million).

Department of State:
Administration of Foreign Affairs:
Diplomatic and Consular Programs ........................................... $55,000,000
Capital Investment Fund ..................................................... 7,500,000
Other: International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (INL) ......................................................... 73,000,000

These resources include: for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, $30.0 million to hire new Diplomatic Security agents, $15.0 million for a large-scale public diplomacy media outreach effort to Muslim audiences abroad, $4.0 million for emergency medical supplies, $1.0 million for Counterterrorism Foreign Emergency Support Team (FEST) equipment, $3.0 million for an international component in next Top Officials (TOPOFF) training in biological terrorism simulation, and $2.0 million to provide 12 new positions for the Office of the Special Coordinator for Counterterrorism; for INL, $73.0 million to improve Pakistan border security by providing helicopters, vehicles, fuel, night vision goggles, communications equipment, training, and border post communications; and $7.5 million to replace existing outdated secure phones.

Department of Transportation:
Federal Aviation Administration:
Operations ................................................................. $141,000,000
Aviation Insurance Revolving Fund ........................................ 50,000,000

These resources will provide funding for additional air marshals ($141.0 million) and reimbursement for air carriers’ post-September 11th incremental costs of war risk insurance ($50.0 million).
International Assistance Programs

Agency for International Development (AID):
- Operating Expenses .................................................. $2,000,000
- Disaster Assistance .................................................. 20,000,000
- International Security Assistance: Economic Support Fund ..... 100,000,000
- International Development Assistance, Multilateral Assistance:
  - International Affairs Technical Assistance ...................... 3,000,000
  - Peace Corps ......................................................... 3,900,000

These resources include: $2.0 million for security improvements for overseas AID personnel; $20.0 million for humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan; $3.0 million to provide training and other needed expertise to foreign governments to combat terrorist financing; and $3.9 million to evacuate Peace Corps volunteers. These funds also include $100.0 million for assistance to Pakistan to provide economic support.

Broadcasting Board of Governors: International Broadcasting Operations .................................................. $12,250,000

These funds will be used to increase the agency’s Voice of America broadcasts in Arabic, Farsi, Pashto, Dari, and Urdu and its Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty broadcasts in Arabic, Farsi, Tajik, Turkmen, Uzbek, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, and Azeri.