EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING NOTIFICATION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE,

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In furtherance of the 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 am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund to the Department of Defense. This reallocation reflects revised requirements in light of changing security needs in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

As provided in Public Law 107–38, $33 million will be made available 15 days from the date of this transmittal for continued deployment of the National Guard at our Nation’s airports through the end of March.

The details of this action 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 is a request to revise the allocation of certain 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. This request would reallocate funds originally transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) to the Department of Defense (DoD) on November 9th; these funds were originally subject to the 15-day congressional review period.

To date, you have transferred $228 million from ERF to DoD for the National Guard to provide security at our Nation’s airports. At this time, an additional $33 million is necessary to sustain this mission. Specifically, this request would reallocate $30 million from DoD family support programs and $3 million from DoD logistics support programs to the National Guard to provide airport security through March 28th. Consistent with the original proposal, these funds will be available 15 days after the transmittal of this request.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Defense in recommending your approval of the requested reallocation.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL E. DANIELS, Jr., Director.

Enclosure.

REALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Available After 15 Days:
Department of Defense—Military .................................................. $33,000,000

These funds will allow the National Guard to continue to provide airport security through March 28th.