

INTENTION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS PREVIOUSLY
TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
FUND

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENTION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS PRE-
VIOUSLY TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
FUND



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, May 27, 2005.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

To promote democracy and freedom, \$7.7 million of ERF funds will be reallocated within the Broadcasting Board of Governors to support the operational costs of Arabic radio and television broadcasting to the Middle East.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

[Estimate No. 4, 109th Cong., 1st Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, May 27, 2005.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration is a request to reallocate 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, within the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG).

In order to provide continued support for increased Arabic-language radio broadcasting to the Middle East, and to support operations of the Middle East Broadcasting Network, Al-hurra television and Radio Sawa, the Administration proposes to reallocate \$7.7 million in Emergency Response Fund resources previously provided to BBG to establish a medium wave transmitter in Egypt. The transmitter was intended to broadcast Radio Sawa, the BBG's Arabic-language radio service, on an AM frequency across the region. BBG has been unable to negotiate an agreement with the Egyptian government, and to date no progress has been made on construction of this transmitter. Five medium-wave transmitters currently broadcast Radio Sawa throughout the region, from Cyprus, Rhodes, Kuwait, the UAE, and Djibouti.

The Administration now proposes that the funds be used to provide operational support to Radio Sawa and the Arabic television network Al-hurra. This reallocation was included and reflected in the FY 2006 Budget. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, these funds will be made 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 Broadcasting Board of Governors in recommending this reallocation.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA B. BOLTEN,
Director.

Enclosure.

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

Available in 15 days:

<i>Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG)</i>	
International Broadcasting Operations	\$7,700,000

This funding will provide for operational support to Arabic radio and television broadcasting in the Middle East.

This action is a reallocation of funds previously provided to BBG in November 2001 to establish a medium wave transmitter in Egypt. To date, no progress has been made on construction of this transmitter.

