

Statement on Signing the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998

November 20, 1997

Today I have signed into law S. 858, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998.” The Act authorizes appropriations for the intelligence-related activities of the United States during fiscal year 1998.

This Act results from the hard work of many people in the Administration and in the Congress who are dedicated to both a strong national intelligence capability and effective congressional oversight.

I strongly endorse section 307, the basic objective of which is to ensure that, insofar as possible, the U.S. Government provides all relevant information to U.S. citizens (and their family members, as appropriate) who are the victims of violent crimes committed abroad. So

that this provision cannot be construed to detract from my constitutional authority and responsibility to protect national security and other privileged information as I determine necessary, and so that the provision does not require the release of information that is properly classified, I direct that it be interpreted consistent with my constitutional authority and with applicable laws and executive orders.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,
November 20, 1997.

NOTE: S. 858, approved November 20, was assigned Public Law No. 105–107.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting Line Item Vetoes of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998

November 20, 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel the dollar amounts of discretionary budget authority, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the “Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998” (H.R. 2107). I have determined that the cancellation of these amounts will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachments, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional

Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. H.R. 2107, approved November 14, was assigned Public Law No. 105–83. The reports detailing the cancellations were published in the *Federal Register* on November 24.