

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
REQUEST

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO USE FUNDS PROVIDED IN PUBLIC
LAW 107-38, THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM AND RESPONSE TO TERRORIST AT-
TACKS ON THE UNITED STATES, FY 2001, FOR THE COMMISSION
ON INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES RE-
GARDING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 12, 2004.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am notifying the Congress of my intent to use funds provided in Public Law 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, for the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the "Commission").

At this time, \$4 million will be transferred from the Emergency Response Fund for the Commission. As provided in Public Law 107-38, these funds will be made available to the Commission immediately.

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.

Enclosure.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, March 11, 2004.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration is a request to use 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, for the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (“Commission”).

On February 6, 2004, you signed an Executive Order creating the Commission to advise you as to whether the intelligence community is sufficiently authorized, organized, equipped, trained, and resourced to permit the United States to respond to the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction, particularly in light of September 11, 2001, and the ongoing threat of terrorist activities. I recommend using \$4 million from the remaining Emergency Response Fund resources provided in P.L. 107-38 to support the Commission’s lease of office space and other startup costs. After the Commission finalizes its total resource requirements, I will recommend to you additional sources of funding.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, no further congressional action would be required for this initial \$4 million, which would be made available for the Commission immediately.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend your approval of the request.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA B. BOLTEN, *Director.*

Enclosure.

AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO BE TRANSFERRED BY THE
PRESIDENT FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Executive Office of the President

Office of Administration: Salaries and Expenses \$4,000,000

These initial funds would be used by the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction for startup costs, which include the lease of office space, provision of security accommodations, information technology investments, and personnel expenses. The Commission’s mission, in order to ensure the most effective counter proliferation capabilities of the United States, and in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the ongoing threat of terrorist activity, is to advise the President on whether the Intelligence Commu-

nity is sufficiently authorized, organized, equipped, trained, and resourced to identify, warn of, and support U.S. Government response to the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and other related threats of the 21st Century and their employment by foreign powers including terrorists, terrorist organizations, and private networks, or other entities or other entities or individuals.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, no further congressional action is required and these funds will be made available immediately.

