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THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On April 12, 1996, the President submitted to the Congress his sixth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996. The message reports ten proposed rescissions of budget authority numbers R96-11 through R96-20.[1] We have reviewed the proposed rescissions contained in the sixth special message and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, et seq., as amended.

Enclosure I provides specific information with regard to six of the proposed rescissions reported in the sixth special message. Enclosure II provides a list of the proposed rescissions as submitted by the President in his special message.

Sincerely,

Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

[1]On March 13, 1996 the President submitted rescissions numbered R96-21 through R96-25 to the Congress in his fifth special impoundment message. We reviewed those rescissions by letter dated April 29, 1996.

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COMMENTS ON THE SIXTH SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R96-13	Other Procurement Army Amount Proposed for Rescission: $5,800,000 216/82035
R96-16	National Guard and Reserve Equipment Office of the Secretary of Defense Amount Proposed for Rescission: $13,600,000 976/80350

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-13, dated April 15, 1996, the total budgetary resources total $2,856,946,000 and not $2,832,994,000 as reported by the President on April 12, 1996.

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-16, dated April 15, 1996, the total budgetary resources total $778,068,000 and not $777,800,000 as reported by the President on April 12, 1996.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R96-17	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Army Amount Proposed for Rescission: $9,600,000 216/72040
R96-18	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Navy Amount Proposed for Rescission: $39,800,000 176/71319
R96-19	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Air Force Amount Proposed for Rescission: $58,000,000 576/73600

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-17, dated April 15, 1996, the total amount proposed for rescission is $29,100,000. This amount includes $19,500,000 proposed for rescission in this account in number R96-4 submitted by the President in his third special message for fiscal year 1996.

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-18, dated April 15, 1996, the total amount proposed for rescission is $74,800,000. This amount includes $35,000,000 proposed for rescission in this account in number R96-5 submitted by the President in his third special message for fiscal year 1996.

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-19, dated April 15, 1996, the total amount proposed for rescission is $102,900,000. This amount includes $44,900,000 proposed for rescission in this account in number R96-6 submitted by the President in his third special message for fiscal year 1996.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R96-20	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Defense-wide Amount Proposed for Rescission: $67,200,000 976/70400

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-20, dated April 15, 1996, the total budgetary resources total $9,539,879,000 and not $9,461,040,000 as reported by the President on April 12, 1996.

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for the account in R96-20, dated April 15, 1996, the total amount proposed for rescission is $107,800,000. This amount includes $40,600,000 proposed for rescission in this account in number R96-7 submitted by the President in his third special message for fiscal year 1996.

Enclosure II
President's Sixth Special Message

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE
(in thousands of dollars)
(as reported by the President)

Rescission No.	ITEM	Budgetary Resources
R96-11	Aircraft Procurement Army	140,000
R96-12	Ammunition Procurement Army	47,200
R96-13	Other Procurement Army	5,800
R96-14	Shipbuilding and Conversion Navy	9,200
R96-15	Ammunition Procurement Navy and Marine Corps	10,000
R96-16	National Guard and Reserve Equipment Office of the Secretary of Defense	13,600
R96-17	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Army	9,600
R96-18	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Navy	39,800
R96-19	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Air Force	58,000
R96-20	Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Defense-wide	67,200
	Total rescissions	**400,400**