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A REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A REQUEST FOR RESOURCES TO BE USED TO FUND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN EUROPE

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, September 21, 1999.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106–31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, as amended by P.L. 106–52, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, FY 2000, I hereby request the following:

Department of Defense

• Military Construction, Military Construction Transfer Fund: $272,290,000

These resources will be used to fund construction projects in Europe.

I hereby designate the above request as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

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,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 21, 1999

THE DIRECTOR

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available $272.3 million in previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Department of Defense (DOD).

P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided $475.0 million in emergency funding for the Military Construction Transfer Fund, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of these funds have yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. The funds were provided "for emergency expenses incurred by the United States military forces in support of overseas operations" and available for transfer only to military construction accounts. Subsequently, P.L. 106-52, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, FY 2000, amended P.L. 106-31 to permit the transfer of funds to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Security Investment Program account.

In P.L. 106-52, the Congress provided only $81.0 million of the requested $191.0 million for the NATO Security Investment Program. The explanatory statement accompanying the conference report to this Act stated that the Congress expected the Administration to use contingent emergency funds appropriated in P.L. 106-31 to provide adequate funding for this program. This proposal would make available $91.0 million for the program, enabling the United States to meet its FY 1999 commitments to NATO.

P.L. 106-52 provided no funding for military construction projects in Europe. Similar to the congressional intent noted above, the explanatory statement accompanying the conference report directed the Administration to use resources in P.L. 106-31 to provide full funding for these projects. This proposal would make available $181.3 million for various construction projects in Europe, many of which would not normally be considered as emergency requirements -- barracks, dental clinics, day care centers, gymnasiums -- except for the complete absence of any FY 2000 military construction appropriations to support our troops in Europe.

In total, this request would make $272.3 million available to the Military Construction Transfer Fund. In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-31 and P.L. 106-52, the funds will be transferred to the DOD accounts listed on the enclosure. I recommend that you designate the entire $272.3 million as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

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 that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosure

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Department of Defense

Military Construction:

Military Construction Transfer Fund	$272,290,000

These funds will be transferred to the following accounts:

Military Construction:

Military Construction, Army	$48,700,000
Military Construction, Navy	$33,130,000
Military Construction, Air Force	$44,200,000
Military Construction, Defense-wide	$55,260,000
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	$91,000,000

P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided $475.0 million in contingent emergency funding to the Department of Defense's Military Construction Transfer Fund, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. The funds were provided for emergency expenses incurred by U.S. military forces in support of overseas operations. None of these funds have yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available.

At this time, $272.3 million is required for military construction projects in Europe, including the U.S. contribution to North Atlantic Treaty Organization security investment projects. In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-31, as amended by P.L. 106-52, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, FY 2000, the funds will be transferred to the Military Construction accounts listed above.

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