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RESCISSIONS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A REPORT OF THREE PROPOSED RECISSIONS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY, TOTALING $35 MILLION, PURSUANT TO 2 U.S.C. 683(a)(1)

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 1, 1999.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report three rescissions of budget authority, totaling $35 million; one new deferral of $185 million of budget authority; and two revised deferrals of budget authority, totaling $1.5 billion.

The proposed rescissions affect the programs of the Department of Interior, Unanticipated Needs for Natural Disasters, and International Assistance Programs. The proposed deferrals affect programs of the Department of State and International Assistance Programs.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Rescission Proposal No. R99-1

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Bureau: Bureau of Land Management
Account: Management of Lands and Resources (14X1109)

New budget authority:	$616,311,000
Other budgetary resources:	25,531,000
Total budgetary resources:	641,842,000
Amount proposed for rescission:	6,800,000

Proposed appropriations language:

Of the funds made available under this heading in Public Law 105-83, $6,800,000 are rescinded.

Justification: The Automated Lands and Minerals Record System (ALMRS) provides for the development and bureau-wide implementation of the Automated Land and Mineral Record System. The proposal would rescind $6.8 million of funds appropriated in FY 1998 for ALMRS that exceed current requirements.

Estimated programmatic effect: As a result of the proposed rescission, net Federal outlays will decrease, as specified below.

Effect on Outlays (in thousands of dollars)

FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2004	Total
-5,304	-1,224	-272	-----	-----	-6,800

Rescission Proposal No. R99-2

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344

Agency: Executive Office of the President
Bureau: Unanticipated Needs
Account: Unanticipated Needs for Natural Disasters (11X0033)

New budget authority:	---
Other budgetary resources:	$15,845,375
Total budgetary resources:	15,845,375
Amount proposed for rescission:	10,000,000

Proposed appropriations language:

From amounts made available in the Fiscal Year 1990 Dire Emergency Supplemental to Meet the Needs of Natural Disasters of National Significance (P.L. 101-130), $10,000,000 are rescinded.

Justification: The proposal would rescind $10 million of funds appropriated in FY 1990 to meet the needs of natural disasters of national significance. All of the funds were transferred to Departments and agencies to carry out necessary activities. Following completion of those activities, excess funds were transferred back to this account. These funds are no longer needed.

This account enables the President to meet unanticipated needs in furtherance of the national interest, security, or defense.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.

Rescission Proposal No. R99-3

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344

Agency: International Assistance Programs
Bureau: International Security Assistance
Account: Foreign Military Financing Loan Program Account (11X1085)

New budget authority:	$20,000,000
Other budgetary resources:	-----
Total budgetary resources:	20,000,000
Amount proposed for rescission:	18,240,000

Proposed appropriations language:

Of the funds made available under this heading in Public Law 104-208, $18,240,000 are rescinded.

Justification: The proposal would rescind $18.2 million of obligated balances of foreign military financing loan program subsidy that was made available in FY 1997. These funds were obligated, but no loans were signed, and none are expected to be signed. Therefore, these funds are no longer needed.

As required by the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, this account records the subsidy costs associated with the direct loans obligated and loan guarantees for foreign military financing committed in FY 1992 and beyond. The foreign military financing credit program provides loans that finance sales of defense articles, defense services, and design and construction services to foreign countries and international organizations. The subsidy amounts are estimated on a present value basis.

Estimated programmatic effect: As a result of the proposed rescission, net Federal outlays will decrease, as specified below.

Effect on Outlays (in thousands of dollars)

FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2004	Total
-18,240	-----	-----	-----	-----	-18,240

Deferral No. D99-1A

Supplemental Report
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

This report updates Deferral No. 99-1, which was transmitted to Congress on October 22, 1998.

This revision increases by $17,723,722 the previous deferral of $82,857,659 in the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund, Department of State, resulting in a total deferral of $100,581,381. This increase results from the deferral of new budget authority for FY 1999, which will be withheld until the President determines assistance to be furnished and designates refugees to be assisted, and a correction to the estimated balances carried forward from FY 1998 to FY 1999.

Deferral No. D99-1A

DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency:	DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau:	Other
Account:	United States emergency refugee and migration assistance fund [1] (11X0400)

New budget authority:	*$30,000,000
Other budgetary resources:	*83,108,288
Total budgetary resources:	*113,108,288
Amount deferred for entire year:	*100,581,381

Justification: This deferral withholds funds available for emergency refugee and migration assistance for which no determination has been made by the President to provide assistance as required by Executive Order No. 11922. Funds will be released as the President determines assistance to be furnished and designates refugees to be assisted by the Fund. This deferral action is taken under the provisions of the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

Section 501(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-141) and section 414(b)(1) of the Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212) amended section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601) by authorizing a fund to enable the President to provide emergency assistance for unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs.

Executive Order No. 11922 of June 16, 1976, allocated all funds appropriated to the President for emergency refugee and migration assistance to the Secretary of State, but reserved for the President the determination of assistance to be furnished and the designation of refugees to be assisted by the Fund.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.

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[1] This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1998 (D98-7).

* Revised from previous report.

Deferral No. D99-2A

Supplemental Report
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

This report updates Deferral No. 99-2, which was transmitted to Congress on October 22, 1998.

This revision increases by $1,310,376,294 the previous deferral of $84,777,327 in the Economic Support Fund, International Assistance Programs, resulting in a total deferral of $1,395,153,621. This increase results from the deferral of new budget authority for FY 1999, which will be withheld pending the development of country-specific plans that assure aid is provided in an efficient manner, and a correction to the estimated balances carried forward from FY 1998 to FY 1999.

Deferral No. D99-2A

DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency: INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
Bureau: International Security Assistance
Account: Economic support fund [1] (72X1037, 728/91037,*729/01037) [2]

New budget authority:	*$2,436,600,000
Other budgetary resources:	*220,961,461
Total budgetary resources:	*2,657,561,461
Amount deferred for entire year:	*1,395,153,621 [2]

Justification: This deferral withholds funds available for international assistance pending the development of country-specific plans that assure that aid is provided in an efficient manner. Funds also are reserved for unanticipated program needs. This action is taken pursuant to the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

The President is authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, to furnish assistance to countries and organizations, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, in order to promote economic or political stability. Section 531(b) of the Act makes the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, responsible for policy decisions and justifications for economic support programs, including whether there will be an economic support program for a country and the amount of the program for each country. This deferral of funds for the Economic Support Fund has no effect on the availability of funds for the International Fund for Ireland.

Estimated programmatic effect: None.

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[1] This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1998 (D98-1).

[2] The amounts deferred by account are:

72X1037	$30,771,075
*728/91037	54,013,546
*729/01037	1,310,369,000
*Total	1,395,153,621

Subsequent releases have reduced the amount deferred to $1,357,427,050.

* Revised from previous report.

Deferral No. D99-3

DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency:	INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
Bureau:	Agency for International Development
Account:	International disaster assistance [1] (72X1035)

New budget authority:	$200,000,000
Other budgetary resources:	14,000,000
Total budgetary resources:	214,000,000
Amount deferred for entire year:	185,000,000

Justification: The International disaster assistance account allows the President to respond to humanitarian disaster relief efforts throughout the world.

These funds have been deferred pending the development of country-specific plans to ensure that aid is provided in an efficient manner to those most in need. This deferral action is taken under the provisions of the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

Estimated programmatic effect: None.

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[1] This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1998 (D98-6).

[2] Subsequent releases have reduced the amount deferred to $92,000,000.