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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE: $770,000,000.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 1, 1999.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I hereby request the following:

Department of Defense:
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide $770,000,000

These funds will support our national and theater missile defense development efforts.

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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, February 1, 1999.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available $770 million in previously appropriated emergency funds for the Department of Defense.

P.L. 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided $1 billion in emergency funding for efforts in support of ballistic missile defense systems contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

The $770 million now requested will fund the following emergency activities:

$600 million will support development of a national missile defense system; and

$170 million will support near-term development of theater missile defense systems, including the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 and Navy Theater-Wide systems.

I recommend that you designate the amount rquested 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 recommend 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:	
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-wide	$770,000,000

Division B, Title I, Chapter 1, Section 102 of P.L. 105–277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided $1.0 billion in emergency funding to the Department of Defense for missile defense activities 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.

At this time, $770.0 million is required to support critical missile defense development efforts.

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