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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 25, 2000.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask the Congress to consider expeditiously the enclosed requests for FY 2000 supplemental appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and the Interior; the Corps of Engineers; the Executive Office of the President; the Small Business Administration; and, the National Transportation Safety Board. Also included in this transmittal is an FY 2001 budget amendment for the Delta Regional Authority.

I hereby designate the following FY 2000 requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

Department of Agriculture

- Risk Management Agency, Federal crop insurance corporation fund: $13,000,000.
- Commodity Credit Corporation, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund, Producer-owned marketing associations loan forgiveness: $81,000,000.
- Rural Housing Service, Rental assistance program: $13,600,000.
- Rural Housing Service, Rural housing insurance fund program account: $15,872,000.

Department of Commerce

- Economic Development Administration, Salaries and expenses: $1,625,000.
- Economic Development Administration, Economic development assistance programs: $30,350,000.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Operations, research, and facilities: $23,900,000.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fisheries finance program account: $6,240,000.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Public and Indian Housing, Housing certificate fund: $12,000,000.

Corps of Engineers

- General investigations: $1,500,000.

National Transportation Safety Board

- Salaries and expenses: $25,096,000.

The details of these actions 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.

Estimate No. 6
106th Congress, 2nd Session

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

THE DIRECTOR

February 25, 2000

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests for FY 2000 supplemental appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Interior; the Corps of Engineers; the Executive Office of the President; the Small Business Administration (SBA); and, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Also requested is an FY 2001 budget amendment for the Delta Regional Authority.

As described below and in more detail in the enclosures, the requests include the following:

Department of Health and Human Services

- A total of $600.0 million in contingent emergency funding is proposed for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to provide additional assistance to those affected by this winter's fuel oil and propane price increases. On February 16th, you released the remainder of the emergency funds currently available through LIHEAP and announced that you would be submitting a request to provide $600.0 million in additional emergency funds for LIHEAP through the end of this fiscal year.

Funding for Natural Disasters, including Hurricane Floyd

- A total of $123.5 million in new budget authority is requested for USDA to support $147.5 million in emergency agricultural and rural housing programs. This includes: (1) $81.0 million for forgiveness of USDA loans to producer-owned marketing associations that suffered losses from recent hurricanes; (2) $15.9 million to support $40.0 million in low-interest loans to construct about 1,000 rental housing units for low-income rural residents who were displaced from their homes or rental units by the hurricanes; (3) $13.6 million in rental assistance on newly constructed units, which will ensure that eligible low-income tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their income for housing; and, (4) $13.0 million for USDA to provide premium discounts to purchasers of crop insurance reinsured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. This additional crop insurance funding would ensure that the discount provided would be 30 percent, as originally estimated and announced by USDA, rather than the 28 percent that

would be provided based on available funding, and would preclude the need to seek many small reimbursements from producers. Appropriations language is also included that would make emergency funds previously appropriated for the Emergency Conservation Program eligible to be used to repair essential farm structures and equipment damaged by the hurricanes.

- A total of $62.1 million in emergency funding for the Department of Commerce is requested to address needs arising from recent fisheries disasters, including $6.0 million to fund losses sustained by North Carolina fishermen due to Hurricanes Floyd and Dennis and $4.8 million to Florida fishermen for losses caused by Hurricanes Georges and Mitch. Additional resources are also requested to provide relief from fisheries disasters occurring in the Long Island Sound and the West Coast and to fund post-disaster planning grants and related assistance to communities. The requests for the Economic Development Administration's Salaries and expenses account and the Economic development assistance programs account, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Operations, research, and facilities account replace the requests contained in your FY 2001 Budget.

  An additional $20.9 million is being requested for the Department of Commerce, to provide relief from other fisheries disasters that may be declared by September 30, 2000. These funds would be made available contingent upon your submission of later budget requests to the Congress designating the amounts requested as emergency requirements.

- $12.0 million in emergency funding is requested for HUD to support approximately 2,000 incremental housing vouchers to assist families displaced from their homes due to damage caused by Hurricane Floyd or other recent natural disasters.

- $1.5 million in emergency funding is proposed for the Corps of Engineers to undertake a feasibility study to evaluate options for providing flood damage reduction for the town of Princeville, North Carolina, which was devastated by floods caused by Hurricane Floyd. The study and report to Congress will provide the engineering, economic, and environmental analyses needed to determine how best to provide future flood protection for this area. These analyses will reflect the unique cultural and historical values of the community and the importance of providing adequate protection for them.

National Transportation Safety Board

- A total of $25.1 million is requested for the NTSB for emergency expenses associated with the investigation of the Egypt Air 990 and Alaska Air 261 accidents. This is an increase of $7.5 million above the amount proposed in your FY 2001 Budget. This request replaces the request contained in your FY 2001 Budget.

Assistance to Vieques, Puerto Rico

- A total of $40.0 million is proposed to meet the concerns of the residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico related to training at the Navy range on the island. This proposal, combined with other actions, would implement measures to meet their health, safety, environmental, and economic concerns. In addition to providing funding, the proposal would authorize construction or refurbishment of roads and a commercial ferry pier and terminal, direct payments to registered Vieques commercial fishermen, and provide fire-fighting training, equipment, and facilities at the Antonio Rivera Rodriguez Airport.

  This request for $40.0 million in additional funding is fully offset by other proposals in this transmittal.

  Under separate cover, the Department of the Navy will submit legislation to the Congress to authorize the transfer of land on the western side of Vieques to the Government of Puerto Rico in keeping with your January 31, 2000, directive. The forthcoming authorization language will also establish the management and funding mechanisms necessary for the management of the conservation zones and surrounding environmentally sensitive areas on these lands consistent with a co-management agreement among the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust, and the Department of the Interior.

  The funding requested in this package and the land transfer legislation that will be submitted by the Department of the Navy would implement measures contained in your directive regarding use of range facilities on Vieques, which have been supported by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico.

Other FY 2000 Supplementals

- $19.0 million is requested for the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program, which would allow approximately an additional 9,000 to 9,500 low-income homes to be weatherized around the Nation. This request is offset from funds appropriated to the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program account in the Department of Commerce, since the current high price of oil means that further Federal guarantees for oil loans should not be needed in FY 2000.

- A total of $6.1 million would be provided for SBA's 7(a) general business loans program. Of this amount, a language proposal would transfer $5.1 million from other SBA accounts with available balances, and $1 million would be offset with funds appropriated to the Emergency Oil and Gas Guarantee Program account in the Department of Commerce. The additional resources would increase the 7(a) general business loan volume from $9.8 billion to $10.3 billion. In addition, the language proposal would reprogram $0.5 million to implement the Veterans

Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999, for a total level of $1.1 million and provide $1.0 million for the Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs Act of 1999 (PRIME), which was enacted in FY 1999 but was not provided funding in FY 2000.

- A technical revision to a FY 2000 request included in your FY 2001 Budget for HUD's Inspector General is also proposed. The proposal, which replaces the request contained in your FY 2001 Budget, extends the time period for the expenditure of funds from one year to two years, and provide that $6.0 million of the existing appropriation will not be available for obligation until October 1, 2000.

Delta Region Authority -- FY 2001 Budget Amendment

- This amendment would provide $30.0 million to establish the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The DRA, modeled after other regional economic development authorities, would assist in directing its resources and the resources of other Federal agencies to the Delta region -- 219 counties in seven States -- with a focus on those counties with the highest levels of poverty and unemployment.

  This proposal was included in the FY 2001 Budget as an item to be transmitted to the Congress at a later date. The proposed budget totals would not be affected.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending that you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Furthermore, except for the $620,900,000 in contingent emergency funding, I recommend that you designate the amounts requested in the emergency proposals as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund

For an additional amount for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund, up to $13,000,000, to provide premium discounts to purchasers of crop insurance reinsured by the Corporation (except for catastrophic risk protection coverage), as authorized under section 1102(g)(2) of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277): Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress 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 FY 1999 Agriculture Appropriations Act included significant emergency funding for crop losses due to natural disasters. Of the funds provided, $430.0 million were used to provide discounts on crop insurance premiums to farmers for their 1999 crops. When the program was announced, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimated that the $430.0 million would provide a 30-percent premium discount. Consequently, insurance providers billed their policy holders, and in many cases paid indemnities and closed accounts, on the basis of the estimated 30 percent discount. However, the producer participation in the crop insurance program exceeded anticipated levels resulting in the $430 million supporting only a 28-percent discount. The proposed $13.0 million in additional funding will bring the discount up to 30 percent, and avoid having to bill participating producers an average of $10 each to recover the excess premium. In many, if not most cases, the cost of billing would exceed the reimbursement owed. There would be a risk that producers would neglect to pay de minimus charges and would thereby, become ineligible to participate in the crop insurance program.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Emergency Conservation Program

Unobligated balances previously provided under this heading may be used to repair and reconstruct essential farm structures and equipment that have been damaged or destroyed, after a finding by the Secretary of Agriculture that: (1) the damage or destruction is the result of a natural disaster declared by the Secretary or the President for losses due to Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene; and, (2) insurance against the damage or destruction was not available to the grantee or the grantee lacked the financial resources to obtain the insurance.

This provision would allow cost-share funds previously made available through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to be used to repair farm buildings and equipment that were damaged by Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene. Unobligated ECP balances include, but are not limited to, balances from emergency appropriations for ECP provided in P.L. 106-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000. Currently, the only farm structures that ECP funds can be used to repair are conservation-related structures. Many lower-income producers suffered devastating losses from last year's hurricanes and will not be able to farm this year without additional financial aid to restore their farming operations.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Commodity Credit Corporation Fund

The Secretary of Agriculture shall reduce the amount of any principal due on a loan made by the Department to a marketing association for the 1999 crop of an agricultural commodity by up to 75 percent if the marketing association suffered losses to the agricultural commodity in a county with respect to which a natural disaster was declared by the Secretary or the President for losses due to Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene.

If the Secretary assigns a grade quality for the 1999 crop of an agricultural commodity marketed by an association described in the preceding paragraph that is below the base quality of the agricultural commodity, and the reduction in grade quality is the result of damage sustained from Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene, the Secretary shall compensate the association for losses incurred by the association as a result of the reduction in grade quality.

Up to $81,000,000 of the resources of the Commodity Credit Corporation may be used for the cost of this provision: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251 (b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This request would forgive up to $81.0 million in marketing loans made by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to producer-owned associations that suffered losses from Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene. For certain crops, such as tobacco and peanuts, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides loans to producer-owned associations to provide them flexibility in marketing their commodities. The associations use the loan proceeds to purchase crops from individual producers, and subsequently sell the crops to repay the USDA loan. As a result of hurricanes in 1999, a number of these associations suffered losses to uninsured crops in storage after the association had purchased them from producers. Due to degradation of crop quality, the associations cannot sell the crop collateral at prices sufficient to repay the USDA loan, which in certain cases could result in the member-producers paying an assessment to enable the loan to be fully repaid. Forgiving a portion of the association loans, as proposed, would relieve additional financial stress on these producers.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

Rental Assistance Program

For an additional amount for "Rental Assistance Program" for rental assistance agreements entered into or renewed pursuant to section 521(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1949, for emergency needs resulting from Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene, $13,600,000, to remain available until September 31, 2002: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This request supports $13.6 million in rental assistance grants. Rental assistance contracts are generally for five years and ensure that qualifying low-income tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their income for housing expenses in USDA-financed rental housing units. These funds would be used to fund rental assistance grants in the estimated 1,000 new multi-family housing units that would be constructed in hurricane-affected areas with $40 million in USDA loans, included in an accompanying supplemental request.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account

For the additional cost of direct loans, as authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949, $15,872,000 from the Rural Housing Insurance Fund for section 515 rental housing, to remain available until September 31, 2002, to address emergency needs resulting from Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans estimated to be $40,000,000: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This request supports $40.0 million in direct loans to fund new rural rental housing projects in areas affected in 1999 by Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene. Loans are provided to project developers at an interest rate of one percent. This subsidized rate is passed along to tenants through reduced rental charges that, when coupled with USDA rental assistance (also proposed in an accompanying supplemental request) ensure that qualified tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their income for housing expenses. These new projects, comprising approximately 1,000 units, will house displaced low-income and elderly rural residents whose housing was damaged or destroyed by last year's hurricanes. The construction of these projects will ensure that the displaced rural residents will continue to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Oil and Gas Guarantee Loan Program Account

Of the funds provided in section 201of Public Law 106-51, $20,000,000 is hereby canceled.

This proposal would cancel funds that are not needed for current year activities in order to provide funding for programs that improve weatherization of homes of low-income residents and assist small businesses affected by rising oil prices.

Revised Request

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses," $1,625,000, to remain available until expended, for expenses necessary in administering planning and public works grants, transition assistance, and revolving loan funds in East Coast communities affected by Hurricane Floyd and other recent hurricanes, fisheries disasters in New York, Connecticut, California, Oregon, and Washington, and for other fisheries disasters declared by September 30, 2000: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This revised request replaces the supplemental request for this account submitted in the FY 2001 Budget. The proposal would fund expenses associated with administering post-disaster planning grants and related assistance to East Coast communities affected by Hurricane Floyd and other recent natural disasters. In addition, this supplemental request would fund expenses associated with administering fisheries disasters assistance including planning grants, transition assistance, public works grants and revolving loan funds in New York, Connecticut, California, Oregon, Washington, and elsewhere.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Revised Request

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Economic Development Assistance Programs

For an additional amount for "Economic Development Assistance Programs," $31,250,000, to remain available until expended, for planning and public works grants in East Coast communities affected by Hurricane Floyd and other recent natural disasters, and for planning and public works grants, transition assistance, and revolving loan funds for fisheries disasters in New York, Connecticut, California, Oregon, and Washington, and for other fisheries disasters declared by September 30, 2000: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That of such amount, $900,000 shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

This revised request replaces the supplemental request for this account submitted in the FY 2001 Budget. The proposal would fund post-disaster planning grants and related assistance to communities along the East Coast affected by Hurricane Floyd and other recent natural disasters. In addition, this supplemental request would fund planning and public works grants, transition assistance and revolving loan funds in New York, Connecticut, California, Oregon, Washington and elsewhere affected by fisheries disasters. Of the total funds requested, $23,750,000 is for East Coast communities affected by Hurricane Floyd and other recent natural disasters, $3,275,000 is for the Long Island Sound lobster disaster in New York and Connecticut, $3,325,000 is for the West Coast groundfish disaster in California, Oregon and Washington, and $900,000 is for other fisheries disasters declared by September 30, 2000.

Planning grants would be targeted at economic recovery and disaster mitigation projects designed to help communities re-emerge from disaster situations as vibrant economic centers. Public works grants and revolving loan funds will assist with capital projects including, water, sewer, and public-access projects. Transition assistance will assist with transitioning fishermen from the fishing industry into other economic occupations.

Of the request, $30,350,000 has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Assistance to Vieques, Puerto Rico

For necessary expenses to provide assistance to Vieques, Puerto Rico, including a study of the health of Vieques residents; fire-fighting related equipment and facilities at Antonio Rivera Rodriguez Airport; construction or refurbishment of a commercial ferry pier and terminal and associated navigational improvements; establishment and construction of an artificial reef; reef conservation, restoration, and management activities; payments to registered Vieques commercial fishermen of an amount determined by the National Marine Fisheries Service for each day they are unable to use existing waters because the Navy is conducting training; expansion and improvement of major cross-island roadways and bridges; an apprenticeship/training program for young adults; preservation and protection of natural resources; an economic development office and economic development activities; and conducting a referendum among the residents of Vieques regarding further use of the island for military training programs in accordance with the Presidential Directive of January 31, 2000; $40,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2003: Provided, That such funds shall be in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes: Provided further, That the Secretary of Commerce may transfer funds to any agency or office of the United States Government in order to implement the projects for which funds are provided: Provided further, That for purposes of providing assistance to Vieques, any agency or office of the United States Government to which these funds are transferred may utilize, in addition to any authorities available in this paragraph, any authorities available to that agency or office for carrying out related activities, including utilization of such funds for administrative expenses: Provided further, That any amounts transferred to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, "Community development block grants," shall be available only for assistance to Vieques, notwithstanding section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Provided further, That the Department of Commerce may make direct payments to registered Vieques commercial fishermen: Provided further, That the Department of the Navy may provide fire-fighting training and funds provided in this paragraph may be used to provide fire-fighting related facilities at the Antonio Rivera Rodriguez Airport: Provided further, That the Department of Commerce may use these funds to construct or modify a commercial ferry pier and terminal and associated navigational improvements: Provided further, That funds provided in this paragraph shall not become available until the Secretary of the Navy has certified to the Director, Office of Management and Budget, that the integrity and accessibility of the training range is uninterrupted, and trespassing and other intrusions on the range have ceased.

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This supplemental request would fund measures to meet the concerns of the residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico related to Navy training on the island, including:

- A study of the health of residents by the Public Health Service;
- Provision of fire-fighting equipment and facilities to the Antonio Rivera Rodriguez Airport;
- Construction or refurbishment of a commercial ferry pier, terminal and associated navigation improvements;
- Establishment and construction of an artificial reef;
- Reef conservation, restoration, and management activities;
- Provision of funds for conducting a referendum of the residents of Vieques regarding the use of the island for military training purposes;
- Direct payments to registered Vieques commercial fishermen of an amount determined by the National Marine Fisheries Service for each day they are unable to use existing waters because the Navy is training;
- Expansion and improvement of major cross-island roadways and bridges;
- An apprenticeship/training program;
- Preservation, protection, and management of natural resources; and,
- An economic development office and economic development activities.

For more than 50 years, Vieques has been a central part of our training for the Atlantic fleet. The residents of Vieques will vote before February 2002 on a training proposal to be submitted by the United States Navy. In the meantime, this proposal, combined with other actions, would implement measures to meet their health, safety, environmental and economic concerns.

In addition to providing funding, the proposal would authorize construction or refurbishment of a commercial ferry pier, terminal, and associated navigation improvements, direct payments to registered Vieques commercial fishermen, and provide fire-fighting training, equipment, and facilities at the Antonio Rivera Rodriguez Airport.

This request for $40.0 million in additional funding is fully offset by other proposals in this transmittal.

Revised Request

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Operations, Research, and Facilities

For an additional amount for "Operations, Research and Facilities," $28,900,000, to remain available until expended, to compensate fishermen in North Carolina and Florida for losses and equipment damage, and for repairs to the Beaufort Laboratory, resulting from Hurricane Floyd and other recent hurricanes; to address fisheries disasters occurring in New York, Connecticut, California, Oregon, and Washington, and for other fisheries disasters declared by September 30, 2000: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That of such amount, $5,000,000 shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

This revised request replaces the supplemental request for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration submitted in the FY 2001 Budget; reducing funding for relief from Hurricane Floyd; clarifying that it also covers the fishery disasters and damages from Hurricanes Georges, Mitch, Dennis and Floyd; and adding coverage for relief from fishery disasters declared in New York, Connecticut, California, Oregon, and Washington, and other fisheries disasters that may be declared.

The request would provide $6,000,000 to fund losses sustained by North Carolina fishermen due to Hurricanes Floyd and Dennis. In addition, the supplemental request would provide $2,000,000 for roof repairs and the rewiring of corroded lines to the Beaufort laboratory in North Carolina damaged as a result of wind and rain during Hurricane Floyd. Finally, it would provide $4,800,000 to Florida fishermen for losses caused by Hurricanes Georges and Mitch.

The request also asks for an additional amount to provide relief from fisheries disasters occurring in the Long Island Sound and the West Coast. The request would provide $6,600,000 for research with industry and Sea Grant to resolve the drastic decline in the Long Island Sound lobster fishery and $4,500,000 for observers, research, and stock assessment associated with the decline of the West Coast groundfish fishery. It would also provide $5,000,000 for relief from other disasters that may be declared by September 30, 2000.

Of the request, $23,900,000 has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Fisheries Finance Program Account

For an additional amount for "Fisheries Finance Program Account," $21,240,000, to remain available until expended, to address fisheries disasters occurring in California, Oregon, and Washington, and other fisheries disasters declared by September 30, 2000: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That of such amount, $15,000,000 shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

This supplemental request would fund buybacks of fishing permits or vessels in response to a sharp decline in stock in the West Coast groundfish fisheries and in response to other fishery disasters declared by September 30, 2000. In response to the disaster occurring in the West Coast groundfish fisheries, the request would fund $6,000,000 for direct buyback of fishing permits or vessels and $240,000 to subsidize industry loans to fund buybacks of fishing permits or vessels. The remaining $15,000,000 would provide relief from other disasters that may be declared by September 30, 2000.

Of the request, $6,240,000 has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

Energy Conservation

For an additional amount for "Energy Conservation," $19,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Weatherization Assistance Program.

The FY 2000 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provided $135 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program in the Energy Conservation account, which provides grants to States for weatherization improvements to homes of low-income residents. The requested additional $19.0 million would allow approximately an additional 9,000 to 9,500 low-income homes to be weatherized around the Nation. This new appropriation is offset by a reduction of $20.0 million from the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program account in the Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

For an additional amount for making payments under section 2602(e) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, $600,000,000: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That this amount shall be available only to the extent an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

The Nation has been severely affected by this winter's fuel oil and propane price increases which, in some cases, have doubled since last year. On February 16, 2000, the President took steps to respond to critical needs by announcing the release of all the remaining previously appropriated contingent emergency Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds for this year. This supplemental request for $600,000,000 will be used to help as many people as possible meet the additional heating costs associated with the price increases. In addition, it will serve as a reserve for emergency funding in the event of a severe summer heat wave.

Revised Request

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Inspector General

Under this heading in Public Law 106-74, add the following after "$83,000,000": ", to remain available until September 30, 2001"; and add the following after ": Provided, That", "of the amounts provided herein, $6,000,000 shall become available October 1, 2000: Provided further, That".

This proposal revises the supplemental request for the Inspector General that was included in the FY 2001 Budget. It would extend the time period for the expenditure of funds from one year to two years, and provide that $6,000,000 of the existing appropriation will not be available for obligation until October 1, 2000. This longer term for the availability of funds will facilitate judicious completion of the implementation of the Anti-fraud initiative, including the hiring of the remaining new staff needed and coordination, where applicable, with local enforcement officials.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

Housing Certificate Fund

Of the amounts recaptured under this heading from funds appropriated during fiscal year 2000 and prior years, $25,000,000 is hereby canceled.

This proposal would cancel $25.0 million of unexpended balances estimated to be recaptured during FY 2000. These recaptures will result from the elimination of excess funds available on some long-term Section 8 contracts.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

Housing Certificate Fund

For additional assistance to families who have been displaced by Hurricane Floyd or other recent natural disasters, $12,000,000 for incremental housing vouchers under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This proposal would provide $12 million for approximately 2,000 incremental housing vouchers to assist families displaced from their homes due to damage caused by Hurricane Floyd or other recent natural disasters.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Construction

For an additional amount for "Construction," $5,000,000 to become available on October 1, 2001 and remain available until expended: Provided, That of the unobligated balances under this heading, $5,000,000 is hereby canceled.

This proposal would delay the availability of half of the funds appropriated in FY 1997 under this heading for the transportation system within Yosemite National Park that are not currently required. There is no programmatic impact to park operations or facilities resulting from this delay, since the funds would not be used until at least FY 2002. Future budget requests will address subsequent transportation needs with Yosemite as planning is finalized.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE -- CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS -- CIVIL

General Investigations

For an additional amount to conduct a study and report to the Congress on the feasibility of a project to provide flood damage reduction for the town of Princeville, North Carolina, $1,500,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the study of a flood damage reduction project may include any flood mitigation measures that the Secretary of the Army determines are necessary for areas that are affected by the project; Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This supplemental request would provide funds to undertake a feasibility study to evaluate options for providing flood damage reduction for the town of Princeville, North Carolina. Princeville has a unique place in American history as the first city in the United States founded by ex-slaves. It was devastated by floods caused by Hurricane Floyd. The study and report to Congress will provide the engineering, economic, and environmental analyses needed to determine how best to provide future flood protection for this area. These analyses will reflect the unique cultural and historical values of the community and the importance of providing adequate protection for them.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

Revised Request

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

UNANTICIPATED NEEDS

Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses

Under this heading in division B, title III of Public Law 105-277, strike "$2,250,000,000" and insert "$2,015,000,000".

This proposal revises a supplemental request transmitted in the FY 2001 Budget The budget proposed a reduction of $225.0 million in funding made available by the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to address requirements associated with year 2000 (Y2K) computer conversion. This revision increases the amount of the reduction by $10.0 million. Unused funds are no longer needed.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Loans Program Account

Of the funds previously made available for the DELTA Loan program, $4,100,000 shall be available for the section 7(a) General Business Loan program; and of the funds previously made available for the Microloan Guarantee program, $1,000,000 shall be available for the section 7(a) General Business Loan program, $1,000,000 shall be transferred to and merged with "Salaries and expenses" for the Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs, and $500,000 shall be transferred to and merged with "Salaries and expenses" for implementation of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999.

In addition, for the cost of guaranteed loans, $1,000,000, as authorized by 15 U.S.C. 631 note, to assist small businesses, including those affected by rapidly rising oil prices: Provided, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended.

This request increases FY 2000 appropriations for 7(a) General business loans from $107.5 million to $113.6 million. The additional budget authority is needed to address demand for 7(a) loans, including demand by those small businesses that have been particularly affected by rising oil prices. The additional resources will increase the 7(a) general business loan volume from $9.8 billion to $10.3 billion. The request also provides additional funding to implement the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999, for a total level of $1.115 million; and, provides $1.0 million for the Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs Act of 1999 (PRIME), which was enacted in FY 1999 but was not provided funding in FY 2000.

Revised Request

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses," $25,096,000, for emergency expenses associated with the investigation of the Egypt Air 990 and Alaska Air 261 accidents, to remain available until expended: Provided: That such funds shall be available for wreckage location and recovery, facilities, technical support, testing, wreckage mock-up and local assistance: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This revised request provides funds to reimburse the Navy for wreckage location and recovery of Egypt Air 990 and Alaska Air 261, as well as for facilities, technical assistance, testing, and local assistance associated with the investigation. The National Transportation Safety Board is an independent, non-regulatory agency charged with promoting transportation safety through the investigation of accidents.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

FY 2001 Budget Amendment

Agency:	DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY
Heading:	Salaries and Expenses
FY 2001 Budget Appendix Page:	1121
FY 2001 Pending Request:	---
Proposed Amendment:	$30,000,000
Revised Request:	$30,000,000

(Insert the above new heading and the appropriations language that follows immediately after the agency name "Delta Regional Authority.")

To establish the Delta Regional Authority and for necessary expenses to carry out its activities, $30,000,000, to remain available until expended.

This amendment would provide $30.0 million for the purposes of establishing the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The DRA, modeled after other regional economic development authorities, would assist in directing its resources and the resources of other Federal agencies to the Delta region -- 219 counties in seven States -- with a focus on those counties with the highest levels of poverty and unemployment. These counties were identified by the Congress in P.L. 100-460, the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Act, which created the Lower Mississippi Delta Regional Commission to look at different ways to solve the Delta Region's severe and persistent economic problems.

This proposal was included in the FY 2001 Budget as an item to be transmitted to the Congress at a later date. The proposed budget totals would not be affected.

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