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Message to the Congress Reporting a Budget Rescission

April 16, 1991

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one proposed rescission, totaling $2,400,000.

The proposed rescission affects the Department of Health and Human Services. The details of the proposed rescission are contained in the attached report.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
April 16, 1991.

Note: The attachment detailing the proposed rescission was printed in the "Federal Register" of April 23.

Message to the Congress Transmitting the Annual Report of the Federal Council on the Aging

April 16, 1991

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 204(f) of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3015(f)), I hereby transmit the Annual Report for 1990 of the Federal Council on the Aging. The report reflects the Council's views in its role of examining programs serving older Americans.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
April 16, 1991.

Remarks on Assistance for Iraqi Refugees and a News Conference

April 16, 1991

The President. I have a brief statement here, and then I'll be glad to take a few questions.

Eleven days ago, on April 5th, I announced that the United States would initiate what soon became the largest U.S. relief effort mounted in modern military history. Such an undertaking was made necessary by the terrible human tragedy unfolding in and around Iraq as a result of Saddam Hussein's brutal treatment of Iraqi citizens.

Within 48 hours, our operation was providing scores of tons of food, water, coats, tents, blankets, and medicines to the Iraqi Kurds in northern Iraq and southern Turkey. The scale of this effort is truly unprecedented. Yet the fact remains that the scale of the problem is even greater. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi Kurds are in difficult-to-reach mountain areas in southern Turkey and along the Turkish-Iraq border.

The Government of Turkey, along with U.S., British, and French military units, and numerous international organizations, have launched a massive relief operation. But despite these efforts, hunger, malnutrition, disease, and exposure are taking their grim toll. No one can see the pictures or hear the accounts of this human suffering—men, women, and most painfully of all, innocent children—and not be deeply moved.

It is for this reason that this afternoon, following consultations with Prime Minister Major, President Mitterrand, President Ozal of Turkey, Chancellor Kohl this morning,