EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM AND RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES



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THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, October 5, 2001.

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert. Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107–38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, today I have authorized transfers from the Emergency Response Fund totaling \$195.9 million for emergency recovery. ery and response activities listed in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

These funds are in addition to the \$6.9 billion that I authorized for transfer last month and will allow the Government to continue to address the consequences arising from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 18, 107th Cong., 1st Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, Washington, DC, October 5, 2001.

THE PRESIDENT, The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available by transfer previously appropriated funds provided in P.L. 107–38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001. On September 21st you authorized the transfer of \$5.1 billion from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) and on September 28th you authorized the transfer of \$1.8 billion.

Your approval of these additional requests would transfer \$195.9 million from the ERF to the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Justice, State, and Veterans Affairs; and the Executive Office of the President. The funding would address consequences of the attacks, including funding for: the creation of the Office of Homeland Security, which you recently announced; establishment of the Office of the Special Master to assist in the compensation of victims; internment costs for the burial in national cemeteries of veterans killed in the attacks; refugee and food assistance programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as other neighboring countries; and other urgent security-related activities.

These requests represent the third round of transfers from the ERF to respond to urgent requirements arising from the devastating terrorist attacks. We will continue to work with the agencies to determine additional needs. No further congressional action is required for the transfers requested today and, upon your approval, the funds will be immediately available.

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 your approval of the transfers described in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL E. DANIELS, Jr., Director.

Enclosure.

Amounts Previously Appropriated Now Being Transferred by the President From the Emergency Response Fund

 These funds will be used to purchase and deliver food to vulnerable people inside Afghanistan, as well as potential new refugees in Pakistan and other neighboring countries.

The resources will enable the Defense Department to provide necessary upgrades to the Presidential aircraft fleet.

Department of Justice:

Legal Activities and U.S. Marshals: Salaries and Expenses,

These resources will support the establishment of the Special Master's office, pursuant to P.L. 107–42. The Special Master is responsible for compensating victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Department of State:

These funds will be used to provide assistance to potential new refugees through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of the Red Crescent, and private voluntary organizations in Pakistan and other neighboring countries.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Departmental Administration: National Cemetery Administra-

These funds will be used for internment costs for the burial in national cemeteries of veterans killed in the terrorist attacks.

Executive Office of the President:

National Security Council (NSC): Salaries and Expenses \$4,800,000
Office of Administration: Salaries and Expenses 25,537,000
Unanticipated Needs: Unanticipated Needs 51,000,000

These funds will support the establishment of the Office of Homeland Security and a NSC Directorate to Combat Terrorism, as well as provide for other urgent security-related activities.