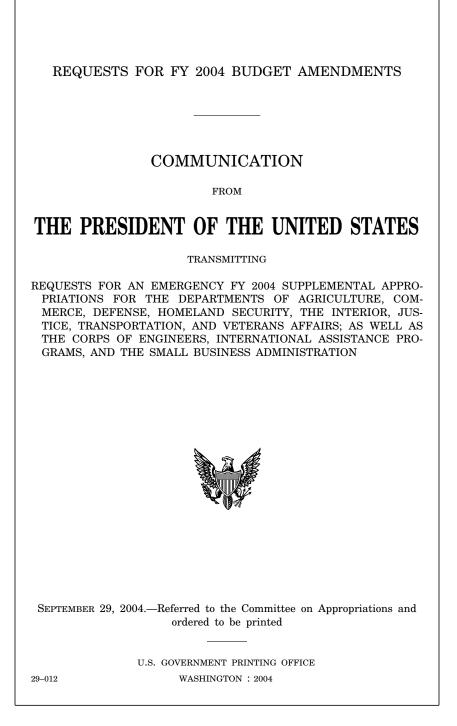
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THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, September 27, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On September 8th, I signed into law Public Law 108–303, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, which provided \$2 billion in supplemental funds for hurricane-related disaster relief. On September 14th, I submitted a supplemental request totaling \$3.1 billion to continue immediate assistance to address the impact of Hurricanes Charley and Frances.

Due to Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne and other hurricane-related needs, I am requesting additional emergency funds from the Congress. I now ask the Congress to consider the enclosed requests, totaling over \$7.1 billion, for additional emergency FY 2004 supplemental resources for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, the Interior, Justice, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; as well as the Corps of Engineers, International Assistance Programs, and the Small Business Administration.

I hereby designate these specific proposals in the amounts requested herein as emergency requirements. These additional requests will support response and recovery efforts to address the critical needs associated with the effects of Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne and other storms in southern and eastern States and other affected areas. In addition to this enacted and requested emergency funding, Federal agencies will continue to use existing resources and programs for response and recovery efforts from all recent hurricanes and storms.

I urge the Congress to limit this emergency funding to those items directly related to the recovery efforts from the impact of these recent major disasters and to act expeditiously on this and my September 14th emergency supplemental request.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 13, 108th Cong., 2d Sess.] EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, Washington, DC, September 27, 2004.

The PRESIDENT, The White House.

On September 14th, you submitted a supplemental request totaling \$3.1 billion to continue immediate assistance to address the impact of Hurricanes Charley and Frances. This request was in addition to the \$2 billion provided on September 8th in P.L. 108–303, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2004, for immediate response efforts to these recent disasters.

Submitted for your consideration are additional FY 2004 emergency supplemental proposals, totaling over \$7.1 billion, for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, the Interior, Justice, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; as well as the Corps of Engineers, International Assistance Programs, and the Small Business Administration. These funds are being requested to provide immediate needs assistance to address the impact of Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne and other storms in southern and eastern States and other affected areas. When combined with already enacted emergency appropriations, supplemental funding associated with these major disasters will total over \$12.2 billion.

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

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

• \$20 million for the Forest Service for clean-up, and repair needs for roads, trails and facilities in national forests in the States of Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina that were damaged by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan and Tropical Storm Gaston.

• \$400 million in agricultural assistance to provide needed financial assistance to agricultural producers suffering crop losses from 2004 hurricanes. Of the total request, \$100 million would be available for clean-up, including technical and financial assistance for improvements, while \$90 million will be provided to carry out specialty crop assistance for 2004 hurricane losses. This assistance is in addition to USDA efforts already underway. On September 24th, Secretary Veneman announced that, in response to your August 27th directive to USDA, producers of citrus, fruits and vegetables and nursery crops located in Florida counties that have received a Presidential disaster declaration for Hurricanes Charley and Frances will be eligible for special disaster relief. You instructed USDA to use existing authorities under Section 32 to assist growers impacted by Hurricanes Charley and Frances in their cleanup efforts and to compensate them for lost crops and trees. USDA is moving quickly to comply with your direction and the Secretary has directed the Farm Service Agency to work with Florida state and local offices to deliver the assistance in a timely manner. Details of the program will be made available this week at USDA Service Centers.

Department of Commerce

• \$14.7 million is requested for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to repair facilities, to address impacts to endangered species and their habitat, and to provide necessary upgrades to hurricane forecasting assets.

Department of Defense (DOD)

• \$889.4 million is requested for DOD for costs associated with the evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, and damage to structure and equipment at various military facilities caused by Hurricane Ivan and other storms. The request will support the immediate rehabilitation of utilities, the repair and reconstruction of facilities, and reimbursement for those who were required to evacuate. This request is in addition to the \$72.5 million requested for DOD on September 14th.

Homeland Security

• \$4.5 billion is requested for the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster relief for States affected by Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne, as well as other ongoing and future disasters. The funding will support response and recovery efforts, including assistance to families and individuals, and other urgent requirements such as emergency protective measures and debris removal in the affected areas. Additionally, this funding will support the rebuilding of state and local public infrastructure. This request is in addition to the \$2 billion requested for FEMA on September 14th, as well as the \$2 billion enacted in P.L. 108–303. Even with these additional funds, FEMA will still require your full FY 2005 request.

• \$18.0 million is requested for the United States Coast Guard to repair damage to Coast Guard facilities, to replace lost or damaged buoys and channel markers, and for other emergency expenses such as personnel evacuation. This request is in addition to the \$8 million requested for the U.S. Coast Guard on September 14th.

Department of the Interior

• \$45.0 million is requested for clean-up and facility repair at national wildlife refuges, national park units, and at United States Geological Survey sites in the affected areas. This request is in addition to the \$21.3 million requested for the Department of the Interior on September 14th.

Department of Justice

• \$24.1 million is requested for the Federal Bureau of Prisons to repair structural damage caused by Hurricane Ivan and other related storms to numerous Federal prison facilities located in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. This assistance is needed to repair and replace damaged roofs, repair and replace buildings and secure perimeter fencing, remove downed trees, and replace lost or damaged equipment and supplies.

Department of Transportation

• \$5.1 million is requested for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to repair or replace the multiple FAA facilities that were damaged in the recent storms.

• \$600 million for the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program for emergency repairs to eligible highways and roads affected by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

• \$5.0 million is requested for hurricane response and relief. Uses include, but are not limited to, repairing hospitals and outpatient clinics, as well as reimbursing VA for assistance to local communities, overtime for VA staff, contracting with medical providers for care, and repairing national cemeteries. This request is in addition to the \$24.1 million requested for VA on September 14th.

Corps of Engineers (Corps)

• \$81.0 million is requested for the Corps to restore navigation channels, repair and rehabilitate coastal areas, and address other projects in areas affected by Hurricane Ivan. This request is in addition to the \$118 million requested for the Corps on September 14th.

International Assistance Programs

• \$50 million is requested in international disaster and famine assistance funds to mitigate the damage from Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne in Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, and other nations.

Small Business Administration SBA

• \$472.0 million is requested to provide funds to cover the large number of disaster loans expected to be made to individuals and businesses due to Hurricane Ivan. This request is in addition to the \$457 million requested for SBA on September 14th.

All of the requests in the transmittal are for the purpose of fulfilling known and urgent requirements that cannot reasonably be met through the use of existing agency funds. I recommend that you designate the specific proposals contained in this transmittal as emergency requirements.

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 you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA B. BOLTEN, Director.

Enclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for "Capital Improvements and Maintenance," \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Forest Service for clean-up, and repair needs for roads, trails and facilities, in national forests in the States of Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina that were damaged by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan and Tropical Storm Gaston.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE TITLE

SEC. XXX. AGRICULTURAL HURRICANE ASSISTANCE.

(a) CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—

(1)(A) The Secretary of Agriculture shall use such sums as are necessary of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm in the United States, including Puerto Rico that have incurred qualifying losses for the 2004 or 2005 crop of an agricultural commodity due to damaging weather related to any hurricane or tropical storm of the 2004 hurricane season, in counties declared disaster areas by the President of the United States.

(B) The Secretary shall make assistance available under this section in the same manner as provided under section 202 of Public Law 108–7, including using the same loss thresholds as were used in administering that section.

(2)(A) The payment rate for a crop for assistance provided under this section to the producers on a farm shall be calculated as follows:
(i) If the producers obtained a policy or plan of insurface for the producers obtained a policy of the producers for the producers obtained a policy of the producers of the p

(i) If the producers obtained a policy or plan of insurance, including a catastrophic risk protection plan, for the crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), 50 percent of the established RMA price for the crop.

(ii) If a policy or plan of insurance, including a catastrophic risk protection plan, for the crop was not available to the producers under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, 50 percent of the State average price for the crop.

(iii) Subject to sub-paragraphs 4 and 5, if the producers did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance, including a catastrophic risk protection plan, available for the crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, 45 percent of the established RMA price for the crop.

(B) The amount of assistance that a producer would otherwise receive for a qualifying crop or quality loss under paragraph A of this subsection shall be reduced by the amount of assistance that the producer receives from section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 with respect to 2004 hurricane losses.

(C)(i) Assistance provided under this section to a producer for losses to a crop, together with the amounts specified in paragraph (2)(A) applicable to the same crop, may not exceed 95 percent of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of the losses, as estimated by the Secretary.

(ii) In applying the limitation in paragraph (C)(i), the Secretary shall include the following:

(A) Any crop insurance payment made under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or payment under section 196 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) that the producer receives for losses to the same crop.

(B) The value of the crop that was not lost (if any), as estimated by the Secretary.

(iii) Payments will be limited to a maximum of \$80,000 per producer.

(A) This limit applies to the sum of payments from this program, as well as payments made under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 with respect to 2004 hurricane losses.

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4), the producers on a farm shall not be eligible for assistance under this section with respect to losses to an insurable commodity or noninsurable commodity if the producers on the farm—

(A) in the case of an insurable commodity, did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the insurable commodity under the Federal Crop Insurance Act for the crop incurring the losses; and

(B) in the case of a noninsurable commodity, did not file the required paperwork, and pay the administrative fee by the applicable State filing deadline, for the noninsurable commodity under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 for the crop incurring the losses; or

(C) had adjusted gross incomes, as defined by section 1001D of the Food Security Act of 1985, of greater than \$2.5 million in 2003; or

(D) were not in compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions.

(4) The Secretary may waive paragraphs (3)(A) and (B) with respect to the producers on a farm if the producers enter into a contract with the Secretary under which the producers agree—

(A) in the case of an insurable commodity, to obtain a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act providing additional coverage for the insurable commodity for each of the next two crop years;

(B) in the case of a noninsurable commodity to file the required paperwork, and pay the administrative fee by the applicable State filing deadline, for the noninsurable commodity for each of the next two crops under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

(5) In the event of the violation of a contract under paragraph (4) by a producer, the producer shall reimburse the Secretary for the full amount of the assistance provided to the producer under this section.

(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this sub-section:

(A) The term "additional coverage" has the meaning given the term in section 502(b)(1) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1502(b)(1)).

(B) The term "insurable commodity" means an agricultural commodity (excluding livestock) for which the producers on a farm are eligible to obtain a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

(C) The term "noninsurable commodity" means an eligible crop for which the producers on a farm are eligible to obtain assistance under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

(b) CLEAN-UP ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide up to \$100,000,000 of Commodity Credit Corporation funds for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and/or the Emergency Conservation Program to carry out additional activities in response to the 2004 hurricanes and tropical storms, including the provision of technical and financial assistance for improvements and clean-up. Persons that received payments from section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 with respect to 2004 hurricane losses are not eligible for these funds. Funds will be allocated to the programs, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) SECTION 32 PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall transfer \$90,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to the fund established by section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), to carry out payments with respect to 2004 hurricane losses.

(d) The Secretary shall use the funds, facilities, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this section, to remain available through September 30, 2006.

(e) The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this section, provided that the Secretary shall use the authority provided under 5 U.S.C. 808.

(f) Congress designates the amounts provided under this section as an emergency requirement for the specific purposes authorized herein.

This request would provide necessary funds, currently estimated at \$400 million, for the Department of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to agricultural producers suffering crop losses from 2004 hurricanes. Of the total request, \$100 million would be available for clean-up, including technical and financial assistance for improvements, while \$90 million will be provided to carry out specialty crop assistance for 2004 hurricane losses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Operations, Research and Facilities," \$7,900,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$1.2 million for impacts to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration facilities and assets, including repairs for laboratory facilities, weather radio towers, and marine buoys, as well as costs associated with hurricane preparations; \$2.9 million for impacts to endangered species, including assessment and restoration efforts for impaired habitat and Endangered Species Act responsibilities associated with disaster clean up; and \$3.8 million to address hurricane forecasting.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Procurement, Acquisition and Construction," \$6,800,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose. This request will provide \$3.3 million for instrumentation on

This request will provide \$3.3 million for instrumentation on hurricane hunter aircraft used to determine intensity and potential storm surge; and \$3.5 million for airborne Doppler radar used for hurricane precipitation and wind field forecasting.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For an additional amount for "Military Personnel, Navy," \$1,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of evacuation, which shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, the request funds mileage, per diem, and lodging costs for the evacuation of military dependents, as authorized by the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Base evacuations were ordered in the States of Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for "Military Personnel, Air Force," \$11,125,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of evacuation which shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, the request funds mileage, per diem, and lodging costs for the evacuation of military dependents, as authorized by the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Bases which were evacuated were in the States of Florida, Mississippi and Alabama.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Army," \$2,825,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, this request funds repair to facilities and infrastructure at Army bases affected by the recent hurricanes, including but not limited to: Ft. Rucker in Alabama; Ft. Benning and Ft. McPherson in Georgia; and, Ft. Buchanan in Puerto Rico. Funded activities include repair or replacement of roofs, windows, and drainage. In addition, this funds recovery efforts such as clearing debris.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Navy," \$397,391,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, the request funds critical clean up, replacement of damaged equipment and repairs to Naval facilities throughout the storm-impacted areas, including but not limited to Pensacola Naval Air Station and Whiting Field in Pensacola, Florida, and Meridian Naval Air Station in Mississippi. The funds will be used to repair buildings, roofs, roads, water, sewer and electrical systems, furnishings and other equipment. In addition, the funds pay for the costs associated with the evacuation of personnel from the affected areas.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Air Force," \$101,972,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, the request funds evacuation of military and civilian personnel from various installations including but not limited to Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Air Force Base, Tyndall Air Force Base, and Air Force facilities at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida, and, Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, in anticipation of Hurricane Ivan. In addition, these funds would cover the costs associated with base preparation and recovery from Ivan including repairs to roofs, siding, windows and other structural damage as well as water, roadway and other storm damage.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide," \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, and delayed satellite launches; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer these funds to appropriations for military personnel and operation and maintenance: Provided further, That funds transferred shall be merged with and made available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the appropriation to which transferred: Provided further, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation; base preparation; base recovery; damage to structures, utilities, and equipment; and launch delays caused by Hurricane Ivan and other recent storms. Precise estimates of damage caused by hurricanes to facilities throughout the Southeast are still being collected but are clearly extensive. Because of the uncertainty of some of these costs and the resulting need for flexibility in execution, \$100 million should be made available for transfer into specific accounts as the requirements become clearer. This request is in addition to the \$72.5 million requested for this account on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve," \$1,029,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan and Tropical Storm Jeanne.

In particular, this request funds repair to facilities and infrastructure at bases affected by the recent hurricanes. This includes funding for repairing buildings and recovery efforts at facilities in Pensacola, Florida and other locations.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve," \$399,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, the request funds critical clean up and repair of damaged facilities in the affected areas, including, but not limited to Belle Chase and New Orleans in Louisiana.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard," \$2,473,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan. In particular, this request funds repair to facilities and infrastructure affected by the recent hurricanes including, but not limited to, Camp Shelby in Mississippi, and several armories in Alabama. Funded activities include repair of fencing, roofs, windows, and other damage. In addition, this funds recovery efforts such as clearing debris.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard," \$1,085,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, the request funds facility repairs at Air National Guard installations in Alabama, Louisiana and Puerto Rico.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

For an additional amount for "Defense Health Program," \$10,236,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for wind and water damage to roofs and interiors of hospitals and clinics in several areas including, but not limited to: Pensacola Naval Hospital in Florida; Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi; and, Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for "Procurement, Defense-Wide," \$250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005 for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and facilities, replacement of destroyed or damaged equipment, and preparation and recovery of naval vessels under construction: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement, for this specific purpose: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer these funds to appropriations for procurement; research, development, test, and evaluation; and military construction: Provided further, That funds transferred shall be merged with and made available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the appropriation to which transferred: Provided further, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out rebuilding of military construction protects not otherwise authorized by law.

The funds will be used to: (1) replace damaged equipment at several Navy and Air Force installations including, but not limited to, Eglin Air Force Base and Pensacola Naval Air Station; (2) repair damage to research and other facilities; and (3) cover the costs of production delays at naval shipyards. Because of the uncertainty of some of these costs and the resulting need for flexibility in execution, \$250 million should be made available for transfer as the requirements become clearer.

This language also authorizes the use of funds in this account for Military Construction. Although most recovery efforts will be done through minor repair, it is likely that some major construction will be needed on buildings that have been severely damaged. A complete list of these projects is not yet available.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FAMILY HOUSING

FAMILY HOUSING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

For an additional amount for "Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Army," \$213,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for family housing repairs at facilities including, but not limited to: Fort Rucker and Anniston Army Depot in Alabama; Fort Benning in Georgia; and Fort Knox in Kentucky.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FAMILY HOUSING

FAMILY HOUSING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for "Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps," \$3,276,000 to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for family housing repairs at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FAMILY HOUSING

FAMILY HOUSING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for "Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Air Force," \$4,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for family housing repairs at Hurlburt Air Force Base, MacDill Air Force Base, Tyndall Air Force Base and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for "Working Capital Fund, Defense-Wide," \$2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for repairs to the fuel pier and generator building at Pensacola, Florida, and repairs to certain defense facilities at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Anniston Army Depot, Alabama; and, Jacksonville, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY

SEC. XXX. Upon his determination that such action is necessary in the national interest, the Secretary of Defense may transfer between appropriations up to \$200,000,000 of the funds made available to the Department of Defense in this title: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress promptly of each transfer made pursuant to this authority: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That the authority in this section is subject to the same terms and conditions as the authority provided in section 8005 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act 2005, except for the fourth proviso.

This provision would provide the Department with needed flexibility by allowing up to \$200 million of the funds appropriated in this act to be transferred between accounts. The Secretary of Defense will notify the Congress promptly after such transfers, and this transfer authority will be in addition to any other transfer authority provided the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. XXX. Funds appropriated in this title, or made available by the transfer of funds in or pursuant to this title, for intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414).

This provision would provide that funds requested in this transmittal for the Department of Defense, or made available by the transfer of funds, for intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414).

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

DISASTER RELIEF FUND

For an additional amount for necessary expenses under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$4,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$4.5 billion for the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster relief for States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands affected by Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne as well as other ongoing and future disasters. The funding will support response and recovery efforts, including assistance to families and individuals, and other urgent requirements such as emergency protective measures and debris removal in the affected areas. Additionally, this funding will support the rebuilding of state and local public infrastructure. This request is in addition to the \$2 billion requested on September 14th, as well as the \$2 billion enacted in P.L. 108–303.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OPERATING EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Operating Expenses," \$18,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

The Coast Guard will use these funds to rebuild and repair damaged facilities, replace lost or damaged aids to navigation, cover the cost of personnel evacuation in advance of the disasters, and pay for other emergency expenses associated with Hurricane Ivan in the southeastern United States. This request is in addition to the \$8 million requested for the Coast Guard on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for "Surveys, Investigations, and Research," \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for facility and streamgage repair needs at USGS sites in the Southeast that were damaged by Hurricanes Ivan, Frances, Gaston, Charley, and Jeanne.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for "Resource Management," \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Fish and Wildlife Service for clean-up needs at the Choctaw, Mississippi Sandhill Crane and other national wildlife refuges that were damaged by Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Construction," \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Fish and Wildlife Service for clean-up and facility repair needs at the Bon Secour, Choctaw, Mississippi Sandhill Crane and other national wildlife refuges that were damaged by Hurricanes Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. This request is in addition to the \$13.9 million requested for this account on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for "Construction and Major Maintenance," \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the National Park Service for clean-up and facility repair needs at national park units in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina that were damaged by Hurricane Ivan, including Gulf Islands National Seashore in Florida and the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. This request is in addition to the \$7.4 million requested in this account on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Buildings and Facilities," \$18,600,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Bureau of Prisons for roof repair, buildings and perimeter fence repair and replacement, and clean up activities at numerous Federal prison facilities in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia that were directly impacted by Hurricane Ivan and related severe storms.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses," \$5,500,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Bureau of Prisons for roof repair, perimeter fence repair and replacement, clean up activities, detailing of medical staff and the transport and relocation of almost 5,000 Federal inmates from institutions impacted by Hurricane Ivan and related storms.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for "Operations," \$5,100,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funding for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Operations account for emergency hurricane-related response activities. Multiple FAA facilities including control towers, buildings and flight service stations were damaged by the recent hurricanes and need to be repaired or replaced.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For an additional amount for the Emergency Relief Program for emergency expenses resulting from 2004 Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, as authorized by title 23 U.S.C. 125, \$600,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account): Provided, That notwithstanding 23 U.S.C. 125(d)(1), the Secretary of Transportation may obligate more than \$100,000,000 for projects arising from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne: Provided further, That any amounts in excess of those necessary for emergency expenses relating to the above hurricanes may be used for other projects authorized under 23 U.S.C. 125: Provided further, That amounts provided herein shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide funds to the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program for emergency repairs to eligible highways and roads affected by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL SERVICES

For an additional amount for "Medical Services," \$1,011,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose. This request would provide an additional \$1.0 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for emergency hurricane-related expenses in areas including Pensacola, New Orleans, and Birmingham. Uses include, but are not limited to, reimbursing VA for equipment and purchasing of contract medical providers. This request is in addition to the \$5.8 million requested for this account on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Medical Facilities," \$2,996,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose. This request would provide an additional \$2.9 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for emergency hurricane-related expenses for VA facilities in areas including Pensacola, Miami, and Birmingham. Uses include, but are not limited to, repairing hospitals, outpatient clinics, and the surrounding land. This request is in addition to the \$16.8 million requested for this account on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

For an additional amount for "Medical Administration," \$246,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$246,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for emergency hurricane-related expenses. Uses include, but are not limited to reimbursing VA for travel that VA employees undertook to Florida to assist in hurricane relief efforts and reimbursing VA for any assistance given to local communities for health care or shelter. This request is in addition to the \$1.5 million requested for this account on September 14th.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "General Operating Expenses," \$545,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$545,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for overtime and other associated costs to ensure timely adjudication of claims for veterans benefits following the disruption of services due to Hurricane Ivan.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

For an additional amount for "National Cemetery Administration," \$50,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose. This request would provide an additional \$50,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for personnel costs to clean up and repair national cemeteries damaged during Hurricane Ivan.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For an additional amount for "Construction, Minor Projects," \$150,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$150,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs to repair national cemeteries damaged during Hurricane Ivan. Uses include, but are not limited to, clearing road debris and repairing roadways.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, GENERAL

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, General" to dredge navigation channels and repair other Corps projects affected by hurricanes and other severe storms, \$52,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$52 million to the Corps of Engineers. Hurricane Ivan caused severe shoaling in certain channels, making them unsafe or impassable for some commercial vessels and damaged flood control and other projects. These funds would be used to restore navigation locks and channels and other projects in southern and eastern States that the Corps is authorized to maintain. The Corps would use these funds to dredge channels back to their operating depths existing prior to Hurricane Ivan, and repair flood and other projects. This request is in addition to the \$30 million requested in this account on September 14th.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for "Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies" as authorized by section 5 of the Flood Control Act of August 16, 1941, as amended (33 U.S.C. 701n), for emergency hurricane-related expenses from coastal storm damages and flooding, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$25 million for the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies account of the Corps of Engineers. Hurricane Ivan caused damage to hurricane storm damage protection projects and to flood protection projects including beaches, levees, dams, channels and other features eligible for assistance under the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies program. The requested funds would be used in southern and eastern States to finance the costs of Corps of Engineers emergency operations in response to natural disasters, and the costs of recovery activities such as repair and rehabilitation of eligible features damaged by Hurricane Ivan.

The estimate for flood and storm response activities funded from this account is \$5 million. The estimate for follow-on recovery activities, including repair and rehabilitation of eligible protective features, is \$20 million. This request is in addition to the \$88 million requested in this account on September 14th.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL WORKS

FLOOD CONTROL, MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, ARKANSAS, IL-LINOIS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, AND TEN-NESSEE

For an additional amount for "Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee" to cover the additional costs of dredging and mat laying operations on the main stem of the lower Mississippi River due to hurricanes and other severe storms, \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$4 million to the Corps of Engineers. Hurricane Ivan caused additional shoaling in certain places on the main stem of the lower Mississippi River, which added to the costs of maintaining the navigation channel. The storm also raised water levels for a prolonged period, which added to the costs of scheduled mat laying operations. Mats are concrete structures necessary to stabilize existing levees. The Corps would use these funds to dredge the channel back to the operating depths that existed immediately prior to Hurricane Ivan, and to cover the increased costs of mat laying operations.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER AND FAMINE ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for "International Disaster and Famine Assistance," \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended for emergency hurricane-related expenses without regard to section 10 of Public Law 91–672 and section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$50 million in international disaster and famine assistance funds to mitigate the damage from Hurricane Ivan and Tropical Storm Jeanne in Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, and other nations affected by recent hurricanes, including temporary provision of electricity, housing rehabilitation and reconstruction, agriculture sector reconstruction, water and sanitation systems reconstruction, and rehabilitation of roads, irrigation and rural infrastructure, schools and health facilities. All activities funded through this emergency request will be completed within one year of enactment of the funds.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DISASTER LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for "Disaster Loans Program Account" for emergency expenses resulting from natural or other disasters, to remain available until expended, \$253,000,000 for the cost of direct loans; and \$219,000,000 for administrative expenses to carry out the disaster loan program, which may be transferred to the appropriations for "Salaries and expenses": Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to cover the large number of disaster loans expected to be made to individuals and businesses in the wake of Hurricanes Ivan and Jeanne. To ensure adequate response to victims of these hurricanes, the Administration is requesting \$472 million in budget authority to cover loan subsidy (\$253 million) and loan making (\$219 million) activities. This request would allow SBA to make an additional \$2.2 billion in loans to aid in the recovery from natural disasters.

This request is in addition to the \$457 million (\$248 million for loan subsidies and \$209 million for loan making activities) requested for the SBA on September 14th. Including already appropriated funds, the previous request would allow SBA to make up to \$2.3 billions in loans.