

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 11, 2000

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of Title IX of H.R. 4576, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2001, I hereby request the following:

Department of Defense


- Military Personnel, Military personnel, Navy: \$50,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Army: \$120,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Navy: \$232,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Marine Corps:
\$62,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Air Force:
\$115,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Overseas contingency operations transfer fund:
\$1,100,000,000
- Operation and Maintenance, Defense health program: \$100,000,000

The Department of Defense will use these funds to: sustain operations in and around Bosnia, Kosovo, and Southwest Asia; provide bonuses for sailors; fund depot level maintenance of equipment; procure spare parts kits for Air Force squadrons; fund real property maintenance; and, support the prescription drug benefit for military retirees over 65 years of age.

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

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent upward-pointing arrow above the letter 'i' in "Clinton".

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

August 11, 2000

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$1,779.0 million in contingent emergency funding for the Department of Defense (DOD).

Title IX of H.R. 4576, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2001, provides \$1.1 billion in FY 2000 emergency funding for the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund (OCOTF), contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. These funds are to support operations in FY 2001. The funds were provided for continued operations in and around Bosnia, Kosovo, and Southwest Asia to ensure that current operations are uninterrupted if force levels and commitments are unchanged through FY 2001. Without these resources, funding in the OCOTF would be approximately \$1.1 billion below your FY 2001 request. You had requested these funds in your FY 2001 Budget without relying on the use of the emergency designation.

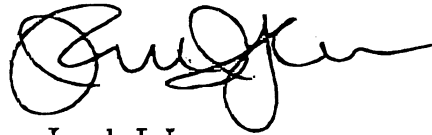
Title IX of H.R. 4576 also provides \$679.0 million in FY 2000 emergency funding for certain other DOD activities, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request for \$679.0 million to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. These funds were allocated by the Congress as follows:

- \$529.0 million, split between operation and maintenance accounts of the four Services, for equipment maintenance, spare parts kits, and real property maintenance;
- \$100.0 million for the Defense Health Program to fully fund the prescription drug benefit for military retirees over 65 years of age that the Administration supports; and,
- \$50.0 million for Military Personnel, Navy for bonuses.

I recommend that you designate the entire \$1,779.0 million as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is appropriate at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Defense in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jacob" being the most prominent part.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

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**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE BY
THE PRESIDENT**

Department of Defense

Military Personnel:

Military personnel, Navy \$50,000,000

Operation and Maintenance:

Operation and maintenance, Army \$120,000,000

Operation and maintenance, Navy \$232,000,000

Operation and maintenance, Marine Corps \$62,000,000

Operation and maintenance, Air Force \$115,000,000

Overseas contingency operations transfer fund \$1,100,000,000

Defense health program \$100,000,000

Title IX of H.R. 4576, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2001, provides a total of \$1,779.0 million in emergency funding to the Department of Defense (DOD) contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. Of this amount, \$1,100.0 million was provided for the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund for continued operations in and around Bosnia, Kosovo, and Southwest Asia. The remaining \$679.0 million was appropriated to: provide bonuses for sailors; fund depot level maintenance of equipment; procure spare parts kits for Air Force squadrons; fund real property maintenance; and, fund the prescription drug benefit for military retirees over age 65.

The entire \$1,779.0 million has been made available by the President and will support the DOD activities listed above.