

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 2000

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-387, P.L. 106-377, P.L. 106-429, P.L. 106-291, and P.L. 106-346, I hereby request and make available each of the emergency appropriations listed in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I designate these funds as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

These resources will support a variety of emergency activities of critical importance to our Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "W".

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

December 4, 2000

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation, International Assistance Programs, and the Appalachian Regional Commission. All of the emergency funding provided was made contingent upon your submission of a budget request to the Congress that includes designation of the amount requested as an emergency requirement. Your approval of these requests would make available \$2,839.1 million for a variety of purposes, outlined below.

P.L. 106-387, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided contingent emergency funding for agricultural disaster assistance. This request will support emergency assistance to the Nation's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities, by making available \$1,424.9 million for rural development, crop and animal losses, livestock disease control, flood prevention, and income assistance.

P.L. 106-377, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$214.5 million in contingent emergency funds for repair of the Department of Energy's nuclear laboratories damaged by wildfires and for continuing construction of the Appalachian Regional Commission's Ritchie Dam project. These funds will be used both to help rebuild damaged nuclear laboratories and to fulfill the Appalachian Regional Commission's contractual obligations for the Ritchie Dam project, which have recently increased in cost due to litigation over environmental concerns. This request would make available the entire \$214.5 million for these purposes.

P.L. 106-429, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$467.7 million in contingent emergency funding to support assistance for international disaster, development, and security needs. This funding will provide essential resources for humanitarian programs in the former Yugoslavia, disaster relief in southern Africa, debt reduction for poorer countries, and international military assistance in the Balkan region. This request would make available the entire \$467.7 million for these purposes.

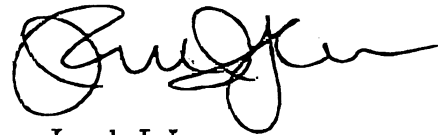
P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$12.0 million in contingent emergency funding to address invasive species infestation. These funds will be used to fight plagues of invasive insect species and prevent severe tree and timber losses. This request would make available the entire \$12.0 million for this purpose.

P.L. 106-346, the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$720.0 million in contingent emergency funding to reimburse States for emergency highway repairs. These resources will improve the Nation's transportation infrastructure by providing essential funding for emergency repairs on Federal-aid highways and roads damaged by natural disasters or catastrophic failures. This request would make available the entire \$720.0 million for this purpose.

I recommend that you designate the above requests totaling \$2,839.1 million, which are detailed in the enclosure to this letter, as emergency requirements 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 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 make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. We will continue to review the additional contingent emergency funds provided in FY 2001 appropriations bills and plan to submit other recommendations as needs arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob J. Lew', written in a cursive style.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosure

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

Department of Agriculture

Executive Operations:	
Common Computing Environment	\$19,500,000
Departmental Administration, Departmental Administration:	
Transfer to the Small Business Administration	\$200,000
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses:	
Rabies control	\$4,100,000
Risk Management Agency:	
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund	\$13,000,000
Farm Service Agency:	
Emergency Conservation Program	\$80,000,000
Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund:	
Dairy income assistance	\$675,000,000
Wetlands reserve program: such sums as may be necessary, estimated at ..	\$101,000,000
Sheep losses	\$2,400,000
Citrus crop losses	\$58,000,000
Honey nonrecourse loans	\$20,000,000
Livestock indemnity payments	\$10,000,000
Payments to producers of wool and mohair	\$20,000,000
Cranberry crop losses	\$20,000,000
Amortization of recapture payments	\$3,000,000
Payments to South Carolina grain dealers	\$2,500,000
Payments to the State of Hawaii	\$7,200,000
Tobacco quota holder assistance	\$3,000,000
State of California crop losses	\$20,000,000
Loan deficiency payments	\$35,000,000
Loan deficiency payments eligibility	\$1,000,000
Natural Resources Conservation Service:	
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations	\$110,000,000
Rural Development:	
Rural Community Advancement Program	\$210,000,000
Rural Business – Cooperative Service:	
Rural Cooperative Development Grants	\$10,000,000

P.L. 106-387, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, included emergency funding contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. The amounts listed above have been so designated by the President.

Department of Energy

National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities:

Cerro Grande fire activities \$203,460,000

Appalachian Regional Commission

Appalachian Regional Commission:

Ritchie Dam project \$11,000,000

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International Assistance Programs

International Security Assistance:

International Military Education and Training \$2,875,000

Foreign Military Financing Credit Program \$31,000,000

Multilateral Assistance:

Debt Restructuring \$210,000,000

International Development Assistance, Agency for International Development:

Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States \$75,825,000

International Disaster Assistance \$135,000,000

Operating Expenses of the Agency for International Development \$13,000,000

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Department of Agriculture

Forest Service:

State, Private, and International Forestry \$12,000,000

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Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration, Federal-aid Highways:

Emergency relief program \$720,000,000

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