

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 7, 2000

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 106-74, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, I hereby request and make available appropriations of \$500,000,000 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Disaster relief program.

In accordance with Public Law 106-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, I hereby request and make available an additional \$215,000,000 for FEMA's Disaster relief program.

These funds will allow FEMA to provide continuing assistance to victims of Hurricane Floyd, including the buyout and relocation of flood-damaged properties. Funds will also be used for requirements resulting from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.


I designate the funds made available today to FEMA as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

Furthermore, in accordance with provisions of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, and the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, Public Law 106-31, I hereby request and make available emergency appropriations to the Denali Commission. The amount of interest produced from the investment of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Fund balance is estimated to be \$10,000,000 in FY 2000. These funds will allow the Denali Commission to repair or replace bulk fuel storage tanks in rural Alaska that are not in compliance with Federal law, including the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, or State law.

I hereby designate these annual appropriations of interest 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 these actions 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 stroke on the letter 'i'.

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

February 7, 2000

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available emergency appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Your approval of these requests would make available previously appropriated funds to address the needs of victims of Hurricane Floyd. We are continuing to monitor disaster assistance needs arising from Hurricane Floyd.

P.L. 106-74, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, provided \$2,480.4 million in emergency funding for FEMA's Disaster relief program, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of these funds have yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. This request would make available \$500.0 million for FEMA to provide continuing assistance to victims of Hurricane Floyd, and also to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.

In addition, P.L. 106-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, authorized FEMA to use up to \$215.0 million of its disaster relief resources for buyouts and relocation of homes made uninhabitable by Hurricane Floyd. This request would make available the entire \$215.0 million for this purpose.

I recommend that you designate the above requests as emergency requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

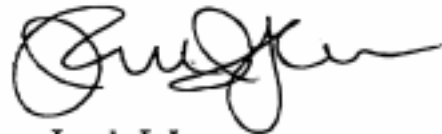
Also submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$10 million in emergency FY 2000 appropriations for the Denali Commission. Your approval of this request would make available in FY 2000 and future years, funds to repair or replace bulk fuel storage tanks in rural Alaska that are not in compliance with Federal or State laws.

The Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, makes available annual appropriations to the Denali Commission from the interest produced from the investment of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Fund balance that is transferred and deposited into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund under section 8102(a)(2)(B)(ii) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

I recommend that you designate these annual interest amounts as emergency funding requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No further congressional action will be required.

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**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Disaster relief \$500,000,000

Title III, of P.L. 106-74, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, provided \$2,480.4 million to FEMA contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the funds have yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available.

At this time, \$500.0 million in contingent funding is required for FEMA to provide assistance to victims of Hurricane Floyd. Funds will also be used to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Disaster relief \$215,000,000

Title I, Chapter 2, of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2000, as enacted by section 1000(a)(5) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, P.L. 106-113, provided up to \$215.0 million to FEMA from disaster relief funds previously appropriated in Title III, of P.L. 106-74, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

At this time, the entire \$215.0 million is required for FEMA to fund buyouts and relocation assistance for homes damaged by Hurricane Floyd-related flooding.

Denali Commission

Estimated FY 2000 interest produced from the Trans-Alaska
Pipeline Fund balance \$10,000,000

The Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, makes available annual appropriations to the Denali Commission from the interest produced from the investment of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Fund balance that is transferred and deposited into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund under section 8102(a)(2)(B)(ii) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

Public Law 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, makes this funding a permanent contingent emergency appropriation. Funds are made available after the President transmits a budget request to the Congress designating the amount requested as an emergency requirement. Subsequent to this designation, the annual release of funding will take place without further congressional action.