

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 29, 2000

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, I hereby request the following:

**Department of Defense**


- Operation and Maintenance, Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund:  
\$200,000,000

The Department of Defense will use these funds to meet critical readiness and sustainability needs.

I hereby designate the above request as an emergency requirement 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,

Handwritten signature of William J. Clinton in black ink.

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

February 29, 2000

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$200.0 million in previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Department of Defense (DOD).


P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided \$1.1 billion in emergency funding for the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. The funds were provided for items that "meet a critical readiness or sustainability need." P.L. 106-31 also requires the budget request to include an identification of the items that meet these needs. On October 4, 1999, you released \$900.0 million of this contingent emergency funding. An additional \$3.9 billion in emergency funding was available to the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund immediately upon enactment of P.L. 106-31.

Of the \$200.0 million request, DOD would use \$100.0 million to meet operational and technological requirements it identified during its review of lessons learned in Kosovo. These include: communications upgrades for strike forces; purchases of fighter spare sets; and, logistics systems upgrades that will shorten the time it takes to organize and deploy forces abroad. The Air Force would use the remaining \$100.0 million to fund shortfalls in spare parts, fuel, and other consumable items. This would support operations and maintenance and training programs, as the appropriators envisioned in creating the contingency fund.

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-31, the funds will be transferred to the DOD accounts listed on the enclosure. I recommend that you designate the entire \$200.0 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 necessary 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 a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jacob J. Lew  
Director

Enclosure

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

**Department of Defense**

Operations and Maintenance:

Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund .....	\$200,000,000
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These funds will be transferred to the following accounts:

Operation and Maintenance:

Operation and Maintenance, Army .....	\$7,800,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$7,800,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Navy .....	\$350,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$350,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps .....	\$700,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$700,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force .....	\$144,300,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$500,000)
Fighter spare sets .....	(\$43,800,000)
Air operations .....	(\$100,000,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide .....	\$350,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$350,000)

Procurement:

Other Procurement, Army .....	\$8,100,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$8,100,000)
Aircraft Procurement, Navy .....	\$22,000,000
EP-3 series quick reaction capability .....	(\$22,000,000)
Other Procurement, Navy .....	\$1,100,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$1,100,000)
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force .....	\$7,200,000
Miscellaneous production charges .....	(\$7,200,000)
Other Procurement, Air Force .....	\$4,100,000
Time-phased force deployment database .....	(\$4,100,000)

Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation:

Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force .....	\$4,000,000
Advanced program technology .....	(\$4,000,000)

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At this time, the remaining \$200.0 million is required to meet critical readiness and sustainability needs identified by DOD. In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106-31, the funds will be transferred to the accounts listed above.