THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In furtherance of the provisions of Public Law 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, today I am notifying Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund.

As provided in Public Law 107-38, \$10.2 million will be made available immediately to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. These funds, originally transferred to the Department of Defense, will support an urgent requirement for radio transmitters in Afghanistan.

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

Sincerely,

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 31, 2002

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to reallocate funds provided in P.L.107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001. This request would reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) to the Department of Defense (DOD) and now transfer those funds to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG).

Your request to the Congress of September 21, 2001, transferred funds to DOD for initial crisis response. In light of changing security needs, the Administration now believes that a portion of these funds would be better used to finance high-powered radio transmission capability in Afghanistan to support U.S. international broadcasting activities and broadcasts by the Afghan government. Establishing a 400-kilowatt medium wave (AM) transmitting system in Kabul is the most effective means of ensuring nighttime radio coverage of virtually the entire country. These funds will be used for the purchase and installation of transmitters and associated infrastructure, as well as operational costs. This proposal would reallocate \$10.2 million from DOD to BBG for these activities. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, these funds would be available immediately.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Broadcasting Board of Governors and the Secretary of Defense in recommending your approval of the requested reallocation.

Sincerely,

Nancy P. Dorn Deputy Director

REALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG)

International Broadcasting Operations	\$1,600,000
Broadcasting Capital Improvements	\$8,600,000

The President's request to the Congress of September 21, 2001, transferred funds to the Department of Defense for initial crisis response. In light of changing security needs, the President is now reallocating \$10.2 million to the BBG to support U.S. international broadcasting activities and broadcasts by the Afghan government. These funds will be used for the purchase and installation of transmitters and associated infrastructure, as well as related operational costs. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, these funds would be available immediately.