

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In order to fulfill urgent requirements for civil aviation security, I am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund.

To support revised emergency requirements in light of changing security needs, a total of \$42 million will be transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration for security costs at air traffic control facilities.

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 recommendations.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

August 12, 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).

The Administration now proposes to reallocate \$42 million in ERF resources to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to pay necessary security costs at air traffic control facilities. Without these funds, FAA would be forced to furlough air traffic controllers and other employees to pay for the required security costs.

This is one of the genuinely urgent funding needs in the recently enacted FY 2002 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act but it was among the \$5.1 billion provided by the Congress as "contingent" emergency appropriations. Despite repeated objections from your Administration, Congress included an unprecedented provision requiring you to allow billions of dollars in unnecessary spending to access truly needed funds, such as those required for the FAA.

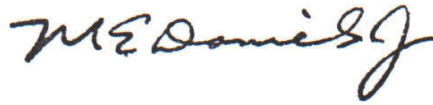
The \$42 million for FAA would be derived from previously allocated ERF funds, as follows:

- \$22 million from the Federal Buildings Fund in the General Services Administration, which cannot be obligated in the near future;
- \$10 million from the U.S. Secret Service, which is available due to lower-than-projected overtime and travel costs; and
- \$10 million from the Embassy Security and Construction program in the Department of State, which will not be obligated in the near future.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, \$32 million will be made available immediately and \$10 million will be made available 15 days after this designation is forwarded to the Congress.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the relevant Departments and agencies in recommending your approval of the requested reallocation.

Sincerely,

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

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**REALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND
TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (ERF)**

TOTAL REALLOCATION:

Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

Operations.....\$42,000,000

These funds will pay for necessary FY 2002 security costs at air traffic control facilities. Without these funds, FAA would be forced to furlough air traffic controllers and other employees to pay for the required security costs.

Available Immediately:

Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

Operations.....\$32,000,000

This \$32 million is available from previously allocated ERF funds: \$22 million, from the Federal Buildings Fund in the General Services Administration, which cannot be obligated in the near future and \$10 million from the U.S. Secret Service, which are available due to lower-than-projected overtime and travel costs.

Available in 15 Days:

Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

Operations.....\$10,000,000

This \$10 million is available from the Embassy Security and Construction program in the Department of State, which will not be obligated in the near future.