

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 1999

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 Transportation

C Coast Guard, Operating expenses: \$200,000,000

These funds will improve the Coast Guard's readiness and support peacekeeping operations in Kosovo.

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

July 14, 1999

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available previously appropriated emergency funds for the United States Coast Guard.

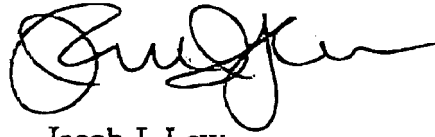
P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided a total of \$200.0 million for the Coast Guard, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request for \$200.0 million to the Congress and designating the entire amount as an emergency requirement.

This request would make the \$200.0 million available to the Coast Guard. Of the funds made available, the Coast Guard will spend \$40.0 million in FY 1999, including funding for medical care expenses, improving recruiting and retention, other personnel expenses, deployment of a cutter to Kosovo for peacekeeping operations, and the purchase of safety equipment. The Coast Guard will spend the remaining \$160.0 million in FY 2000 for readiness activities and other expenses.

I recommend that you designate the \$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 Transportation 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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosure

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

Department of Transportation

Coast Guard:

Operating expenses..... \$200,000,000

Public Law 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided a total of \$200.0 million to the Coast Guard, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request for \$200.0 million to the Congress and designating the entire amount as an emergency requirement.

The \$200.0 million in contingent emergency funding is required to improve Coast Guard readiness and support peacekeeping operations in Kosovo. Of the funds made available, the Coast Guard will spend \$40.0 million in FY 1999, including funding for medical care expenses, improving recruiting and retention, other personnel expenses, deployment of a cutter to Kosovo for peacekeeping operations, and the purchase of safety equipment. The Coast Guard will spend the remaining \$160.0 million in FY 2000 for readiness activities and other expenses.