

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 31, 2007

Dear Madam Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed revisions to the FY 2008 Budget request for Department of Defense operations in the Global War on Terror. This request would provide the additional resources necessary to maximize the production of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and rapidly field this capability to our servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Overall, the discretionary budget authority in my FY 2008 request for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom would be increased by \$5.3 billion, for a Department of Defense total of \$147.0 billion for these operations.

I hereby designate the specific proposals in the amounts requested herein as emergency requirements. This request represents urgent and essential requirements and I encourage you to take up the FY 2008 war funding, including this critical force protection funding, as soon as possible. The details of the request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "George W. Bush", written over a faint rectangular stamp.

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



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

THE DIRECTOR

July 31, 2007

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are amendments to the FY 2008 Department of Defense (DOD) request to fund ongoing military operations in the Global War on Terror. These revisions would enable DOD in FY 2008 to maximize the production and fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, which are a critical priority joint-Service program to counter significant in theater force protection threats especially from improvised explosive devices.

This \$5.3 billion proposal would be in addition to your current request of \$141.7 billion for military operations. Specifically, the request would procure 1,520 additional MRAP vehicles; with the goal of delivering a total of 8,000 in theater by May 2008. In addition to the increase in the MRAP fleet, the funds would support Government furnished equipment, continued technological development and upgrades, and support and transportation for the Military Services and U.S. Special Operations Command for the entire fleet.

Recommendation

This request fulfills known and urgent requirements that cannot reasonably be met within the request submitted with your FY 2008 Budget. Consistent with the original request, I recommend that you designate the specific amendments contained in this transmittal as emergency requirements.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of the Defense in recommending you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Portman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob Portman

Enclosures

FY 2008 Revised Emergency Proposals

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Bureau: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
Heading: Operation and Maintenance, Army
FY 2008 Budget
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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$46,230,964,000
Proposed Amendment: \$307,000,000
Revised Request: \$46,537,964,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$46,230,964,000" and substitute \$46,537,964,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$307 million to fund transportation costs for delivering Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles to U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and to provide labor support for the battle damage assessment and repair kits.

FY 2008 Revised Emergency Proposals

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Bureau: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
Heading: Operation and Maintenance, Navy
FY 2008 Budget
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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$5,426,407,000
Proposed Amendment: \$38,000,000
Revised Request: \$5,464,407,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$5,426,407,000" and substitute \$5,464,407,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$38 million to fund transportation costs for delivering Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles to U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Bureau: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
Heading: Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps
FY 2008 Budget Appendix Pages 1147-1148
FY 2008 Pending Request: \$4,013,093,000
Proposed Amendment: \$313,000,000
Revised Request: \$4,326,093,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$4,013,093,000" and substitute \$4,326,093,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$313 million to fund transportation costs for delivering Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles to U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Bureau: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
Heading: Operation and Maintenance, Air Force
FY 2008 Budget
Appendix Page: 1148
FY 2008
Pending Request: \$10,536,330,000
Proposed Amendment: \$62,000,000
Revised Request: \$10,598,330,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$10,536,330,000" and substitute \$10,598,330,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$62 million to fund transportation costs for delivering Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles to U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Bureau: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
Heading: Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide
FY 2008 Budget Appendix Pages 1148-1149
FY 2008 Pending Request: \$6,098,990,000
Proposed Amendment: \$28,000,000
Revised Request: \$6,126,990,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$6,098,990,000" and substitute \$6,126,990,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$28 million to fund transportation costs for delivering Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles to U.S. Special Operations Command forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Bureau: PROCUREMENT
Heading: Other Procurement, Army
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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$13,630,977,000
Proposed Amendment: \$1,437,000,000
Revised Request: \$15,067,977,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$13,630,977,000" and substitute \$15,067,977,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$1,437 million to maximize production capacity and accelerate fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and associated support to provide improved force protection for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Specifically, these funds will provide for 627 vehicles, Government furnished equipment for the fleet, spiral upgrade kits, fielding support and facilitization, contractor logistics support, and battle damage assessment and repair equipment. The MRAP vehicle program is a critical priority joint-Service program to counter significant in-theater force protection threats, especially from improvised explosive devices.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bureau: PROCUREMENT

Heading: Other Procurement, Navy

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FY 2008

Pending Request: \$793,311,000

Proposed Amendment: \$55,000,000

Revised Request: \$848,311,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$793,311,000" and substitute \$848,311,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$55 million to maximize production capacity and accelerate fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and associated support to provide improved force protection for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Specifically, these funds will provide for spiral upgrade kits and contractor logistics support. The MRAP vehicle program is a critical priority joint-Service program to counter significant in-theater force protection threats, especially from improvised explosive devices.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bureau: PROCUREMENT

Heading: Procurement, Marine Corps

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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$2,462,140,000

Proposed Amendment: \$2,371,000,000

Revised Request: \$4,833,140,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$2,462,140,000" and substitute \$4,833,140,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$2,371 million to maximize production capacity and accelerate fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and associated support to provide improved force protection for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Specifically, these funds will provide for 632 vehicles, Government furnished equipment for the fleet, spiral upgrade kits, and contractor logistics support. The MRAP vehicle program is a critical priority joint-Service program to counter significant in-theater force protection threats, especially from improvised explosive devices.

FY 2008 Revised Emergency Proposals

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bureau: PROCUREMENT

Heading: Other Procurement, Air Force

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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$3,760,206,000

Proposed Amendment: \$568,000,000

Revised Request: \$4,328,206,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$3,760,206,000" and substitute \$4,328,206,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$568 million to maximize production capacity and accelerate fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and associated support to provide improved force protection for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Specifically, these funds will provide for 261 vehicles, Government furnished equipment for the fleet, spiral upgrade kits, and contractor logistics support. The MRAP vehicle program is a critical priority joint-Service program to counter significant in-theater force protection threats, especially from improvised explosive devices.

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bureau: PROCUREMENT

Heading: Procurement, Defense-Wide

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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$469,768,000

Proposed Amendment: \$131,000,000

Revised Request: \$600,768,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$469,768,000" and substitute \$600,768,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$131 million to maximize production capacity and accelerate fielding of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and associated support to provide improved force protection for U.S. Special Operations Command forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Specifically, these funds will provide for Government furnished equipment for the fleet, spiral upgrade kits, and contractor logistics support. The MRAP vehicle program is a critical priority joint-Service program to counter significant in-theater force protection threats, especially from improvised explosive devices.

FY 2008 Revised Emergency Proposals

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bureau: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND
EVALUATION

Heading: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$141,653,000

Proposed Amendment: \$20,000,000

Revised Request: \$161,653,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$141,653,000" and substitute \$161,653,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$20 million to research and develop technologies to protect U.S. forces and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles from emerging threats.

FY 2008 Revised Emergency Proposals

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bureau: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND
EVALUATION

Heading: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy

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FY 2008
Pending Request: \$618,428,000

Proposed Amendment: \$10,000,000

Revised Request: \$628,428,000

(In the appropriation language under the above heading, delete "\$618,428,000" and substitute \$628,428,000.)

This amendment would increase the pending request by \$10 million to develop and test the latest armor technology and materials for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.