

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 3, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In order to continue the investigation into the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, I am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

At this time, \$9 million of ERF funds will be transferred to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States to ensure that it has the necessary resources to investigate fully the terrible tragedy of September 11, 2001. My Administration is strongly committed to the purpose and mission of the Commission and will continue to cooperate with the Commission in accordance with applicable law to help ensure that it succeeds. I expect that the Commission's final report will contain important recommendations.

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,

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

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

April 3, 2003

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).

In order to ensure that the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States has sufficient resources to complete its mission, the Administration now proposes to reallocate \$9 million in ERF funding previously transferred to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to the Commission. The SBA funds are available for transfer because they are in excess of identified disaster loan needs related to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Commission was established in the Legislative Branch on November 27, 2002, to examine and report facts and causes related to the September 11th attacks, to report its findings to the Congress and the President, and to provide recommendations. This funding will be used to support the Commission's continuing investigation into the circumstances and causes of the terrorist attacks. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, these funds will be made available immediately 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 recommend your approval of the requested reallocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M E Daniels Jr".

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

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

**Available Immediately:**

Legislative Branch

Legislative Branch Boards and Commissions

National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States.....\$9,000,000

These funds will be used, consistent with Title VI of Public Law 107-306, to examine and report facts and causes related to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, to report to the President and the Congress on the Commission's findings, and to provide recommendations to prevent future attacks. Pursuant to Title VI, the Commission's findings are due no later than May 27, 2004 and the Commission terminates 60 days thereafter.