THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In order to continue responses necessary as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks, I am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

At this time, \$1.2 million of ERF funds will be transferred to the United States Trade Representative to support increased security at international trade negotiations.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert 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

July 30, 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, to the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

In order to provide increased security at international trade negotiations, the Administration now proposes to reallocate \$1.2 million in Emergency Response Fund resources previously transferred to the Peace Corps. These funds were originally for the evacuation of Peace Corps volunteers and are no longer needed. The Administration now believes that these funds should be used to support security requirements at USTR trade negotiations abroad and domestically. Pursuant to P.L. 107-138, \$400,000 of these funds will be made available immediately and \$800,000 will be made available 15 days after the transmittal of this request.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the United States Trade Representative and Director of the Peace Corps in recommending your approval of the requested transfer.

Sincerely,

Joshua B. Bolten

Director

Enclosure

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

Available Immediately:

Executive Office of the President

United States Trade Representative Salaries and Expenses....\$400,000

This funding, to be transferred from the Emergency Response Fund pursuant to P.L. 107-38, will provide for security services at international and domestic trade negotiations.

Available in 15 Days:

Executive Office of the President

United States Trade Representative

Salaries and Expenses....\$800,000

This funding, to be transferred from the Emergency Response Fund pursuant to P.L. 107-38, will provide for security services at international and domestic trade negotiations.