

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1999

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

As directed by P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, and in accordance with provisions of P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I hereby request the following:

Department of Defense

C Operation and Maintenance, Operation and maintenance, Defense-wide:
 \$92,779,000

These funds will support critical national security activities.

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,



Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

June 15, 1999

The President

The White House

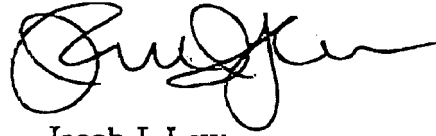
Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$92.8 million in previously appropriated emergency funds for the Department of Defense (DOD).

P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided \$1.5 billion in emergency funding for defense-wide operation and maintenance activities contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. To date, \$844.6 million of that amount has been designated for such activities, leaving a balance of \$652.0 million. P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, directed that the Administration use \$175.0 million of the remaining contingent emergency funding for an alternative purpose which is identified under separate classification. The \$92.8 million now requested represents the first portion of the \$175 million to be released.

I recommend that you designate the \$92.8 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. Pursuant to P.L. 106-31, the funds will be made available to DOD 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 recommend 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 "L".

Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosure

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

Department of Defense

Operation and Maintenance:

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On December 21, 1998, \$275.0 million was released to support critical national security activities. On January 12, 1999, an additional \$569.6 million was released to support various national security programs. At this time, an additional \$92.8 million is needed to support an ongoing national security program.