

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1999

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of Public Law 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, I hereby make available appropriations of \$528,000,000 in budget authority for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Disaster relief program.

In addition, in accordance with Public Law 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I hereby request and make available appropriations of \$36,000,000 in budget authority for the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) Disaster loans program account.

These funds will allow FEMA and SBA to provide immediate assistance to victims of Hurricane Floyd. Funds will also be used for requirements resulting from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.

I designate the funds made available today to FEMA and SBA as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of these actions 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

September 17, 1999

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available emergency appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA). Your approval of these requests would make available previously appropriated funds to address the needs of victims of Hurricane Floyd. We will continue to monitor disaster assistance needs arising from Hurricane Floyd.

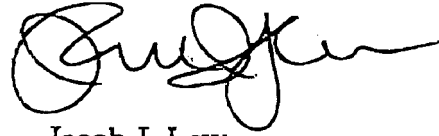
P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided \$900 million in emergency funding for FEMA's Disaster relief program, contingent upon the President designating an amount as an emergency requirement. In a statement accompanying your signature of P.L. 106-31 on May 21, 1999, you made available \$372 million to FEMA to support various emergency disaster relief needs. The current request would make available the remaining \$528 million for FEMA to address the immediate needs of victims of Hurricane Floyd, and also to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.

P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided \$101 million for SBA's Disaster loans program, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. On February 16, 1999, you released \$65 million to SBA for various emergency disaster relief efforts. The current request would make available the remaining \$36 million for SBA to address the immediate needs of the affected States, and also to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.

I recommend that you designate these requests as emergency requirements 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 these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the FEMA Director and the SBA Administrator 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**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Disaster relief \$528,000,000

Title I, Chapter 6, of P.L. 106-31, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided \$900 million to FEMA contingent upon the President designating an amount as an emergency requirement. On May 21, 1999, \$372 million of this amount was made available to support emergency disaster relief needs.

At this time, the remaining \$528 million in contingent funding is required for FEMA to provide assistance to victims of Hurricane Floyd. Funds will also be used to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Disaster loans program account \$36,000,000

Division B, Title IV, of P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, provided \$101 million to SBA contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. On February 16, 1999, \$65 million of this amount was made available to support emergency needs.

At this time, the remaining \$36 million in contingent funding is required for SBA to provide assistance to victims of Hurricane Floyd. Funds will also be used to cover requirements from previously declared disasters and anticipated disasters.