

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 2002

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the requirement included in P.L. 107-63, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2002, I hereby request \$346.0 million in emergency appropriations previously provided under Title II for the Department of Agriculture for rehabilitation and wildfire suppression activities of the Forest Service.

I hereby designate these funds as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. The entire amount is being designated as an emergency requirement to make \$200.0 million available immediately to repay funds previously borrowed for emergency wildland fire suppression activities.

Furthermore, in accordance with provisions of P.L. 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, I hereby authorize a transfer from the Emergency Response Fund totaling \$27.2 million to the General Services Administration.

I have previously authorized the transfer of over \$19.9 billion in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. With this action today, all the funds that were made available to me from the Emergency Response Fund have been transferred for urgent needs.

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,

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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

March 18, 2002

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request for previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Department of Agriculture and a request to transfer previously appropriated funds from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) to the General Services Administration (GSA).

Title II of P.L. 107-63, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2002, provided \$346.0 million in contingent emergency funding for the Department of Agriculture to repay prior year advances that were used for emergency fire suppression, address rehabilitation and restoration activities and address future emergency fire suppression activities of the Forest Service. The entire \$346.0 million is being designated as an emergency requirement to make \$200.0 million available immediately to repay funds previously borrowed for emergency wildland fire suppression activities.

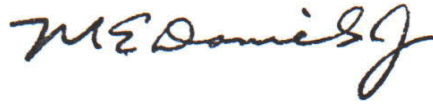
I recommend that you designate this request for \$346.0 million as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

In addition, P.L. 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, made \$20.0 billion available to you without further action by Congress. To date, you have previously authorized the transfer of \$19.97 billion from ERF. This request represents the final transfer from ERF to meet national security, homeland security, and domestic recovery requirements arising from the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Your approval of this request would transfer \$27.2 million from ERF to GSA. This funding will be used for security upgrades at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building to allow the reoccupation of offices in the 17th Street wing of the building, which were evacuated in the days following September 11th. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, these funds will be made available immediately to GSA without further congressional review.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you sign the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosure

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Department of Agriculture

Forest Service:

Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title II of P.L. 107-63) \$346,000,000

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General Services Administration

Federal Buildings Fund \$27,209,000

This funding will be used for security upgrades at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building that are necessary in order to allow the eventual reoccupation of offices in the 17th Street wing of the building.