

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 2001

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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, today I have authorized transfers from the Emergency Response Fund totaling \$195.9 million for emergency recovery and response activities listed in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

These funds are in addition to the \$6.9 billion that I authorized for transfer last month and will allow the Government to continue to address the consequences arising from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "G" and "W".

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

October 5, 2001

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available by transfer previously appropriated 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. On September 21st you authorized the transfer of \$5.1 billion from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) and on September 28th you authorized the transfer of \$1.8 billion.

Your approval of these additional requests would transfer \$195.9 million from the ERF to the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Justice, State, and Veterans Affairs; and the Executive Office of the President. The funding would address consequences of the attacks, including funding for: the creation of the Office of Homeland Security, which you recently announced; establishment of the Office of the Special Master to assist in the compensation of victims; internment costs for the burial in national cemeteries of veterans killed in the attacks; refugee and food assistance programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as other neighboring countries; and other urgent security-related activities.

These requests represent the third round of transfers from the ERF to respond to urgent requirements arising from the devastating terrorist attacks. We will continue to work with the agencies to determine additional needs. No further congressional action is required for the transfers requested today and, upon your approval, the funds will be immediately available.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending your approval of the transfers described in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

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

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosure

**AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED NOW BEING TRANSFERRED BY THE
PRESIDENT FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

Department of Agriculture

Foreign Agricultural Service
P.L. 480 Grants \$50,000,000

These funds will be used to purchase and deliver food to vulnerable people inside Afghanistan, as well as potential new refugees in Pakistan and other neighboring countries.

Department of Defense - Military \$ 7,000,000

The resources will enable the Defense Department to provide necessary upgrades to the Presidential aircraft fleet.

Department of Justice

Legal Activities and U.S. Marshals
Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities \$ 7,300,000

These resources will support the establishment of the Special Master's office, pursuant to P.L. 107-42. The Special Master is responsible for compensating victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Department of State

Other
Migration and Refugee Assistance \$50,000,000

These funds will be used to provide assistance to potential new refugees through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of the Red Crescent, and private voluntary organizations in Pakistan and other neighboring countries.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Departmental Administration
National Cemetery Administration \$217,000

These funds will be used for internment costs for the burial in national cemeteries of veterans killed in the terrorist attacks.

Executive Office of the President

National Security Council (NSC)
Salaries and Expenses \$4,800,000
Office of Administration
Salaries and Expenses \$25,537,000
Unanticipated Needs
Unanticipated Needs \$51,000,000

These funds will support the establishment of the Office of Homeland Security and a NSC Directorate to Combat Terrorism, as well as provide for other urgent security-related activities.