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The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

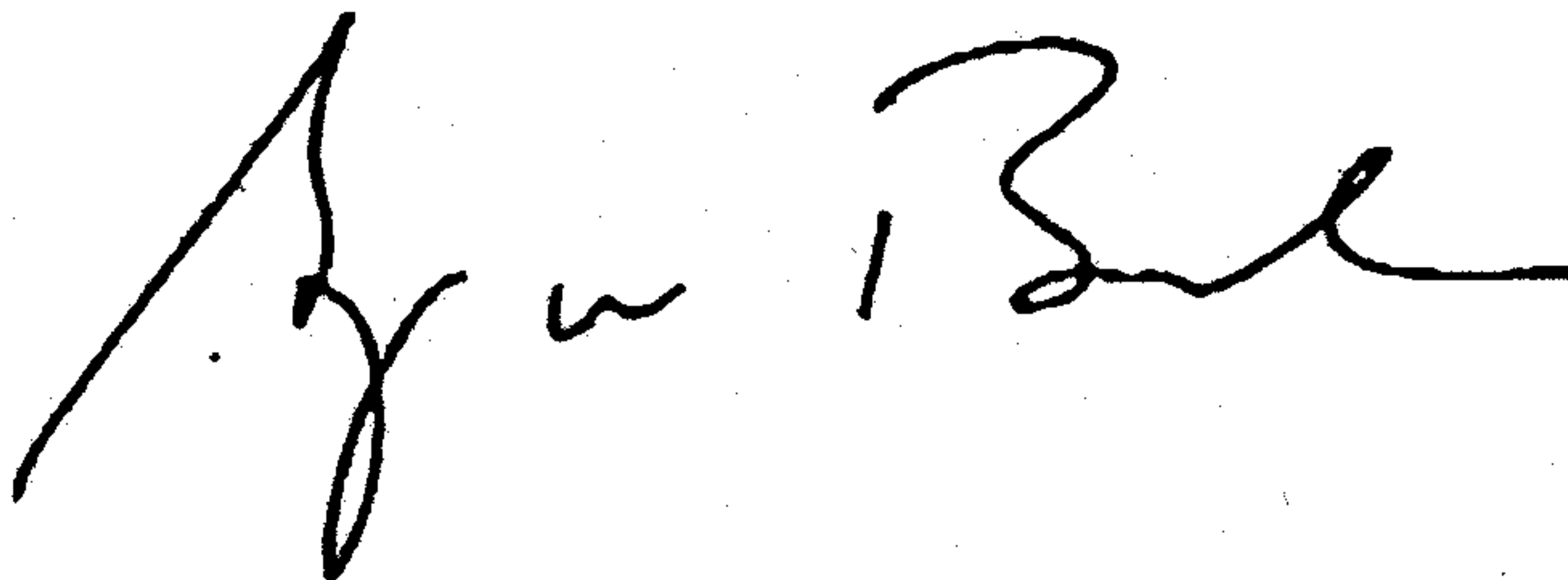
Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed requests for FY 2002 budget amendments for the Departments of Energy, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Justice, Transportation, and the Treasury; the Executive Office of the President; and Federal Drug Control Programs. In aggregate, the discretionary resources proposed in my FY 2002 Budget would not be affected by these requests.

This transmittal also contains FY 2002 budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. As required by law, appropriations requests of the Legislative Branch are transmitted without change.

The details of these requests 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 written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G".

Enclosure

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Heading: Historic Preservation Fund
FY 2002 Budget Appendix Page: 588
FY 2002 Pending Request: \$37,055,000
Proposed Amendment: \$30,000,000
Revised Request: \$67,055,0000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$37,055,000" and substitute \$67,055,000; and insert immediately following "2003", of which \$30,000,000 shall be for Save America's Treasures for priority preservation projects of nationally significant sites, structures, and artifacts: Provided, That any individual Save America's Treasures grant shall be matched by non-Federal funds: Provided further, That individual projects shall be eligible for one grant, and all projects to be funded shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities prior to the commitment of grant funds: Provided further, That Save America's Treasures funds allocated for Federal projects shall be available by transfer to appropriate accounts of individual agencies, after approval of such projects by the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities: Provided further, That none of the funds provided for Save America's Treasures may be used for administrative expenses, and staffing for the program shall be available from the existing staffing levels in the National Park Service.)

This amendment requests \$30.0 million to continue the Save America's Treasures program, which would provide grants to Federal, State, and local agencies and non-governmental agencies for the preservation of nationally significant historic sites, structures, and artifacts.

The Save America's Treasures program would leverage private funding by requiring an equal match of non-Federal funds for projects to restore nationally significant historic sites, structures, or artifacts. The President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities would serve as the advisory council to the Secretary of the Interior regarding funding awards. The existing partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation would continue in order to ensure private funding, and other partnerships would be encouraged.

The requested FY 2002 budget authority increase of \$30.0 million would be offset by a corresponding reduction in the FY 2002 Budget's proposed National Emergency Reserve.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Heading: Water and Related Resources
FY 2002 Budget
Appendix Page: 554
FY 2002
Pending Request: \$647,997,000
Propose Amendment: Language
Revised Request: \$647,997,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$32,442,000" and substitute \$31,442,000; and delete everything after "in lieu of 'and 2001'".)

This proposal would amend the pending appropriations language to reflect correctly the policy proposed in the FY 2002 Budget. Specifically, the amendment would modify the appropriations language to reflect the correct amount proposed for transfer from the Water and Related Resources account to the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund. In addition, the proposal would delete two provisions that should have been marked for deletion in the language printed in the FY 2002 Budget Appendix.

This amendment would not affect the proposed budget totals.