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To the President of the Senate and the  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission, but for which Congress failed to pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011 of the Impoundment Control Act.

In the President's sixth special message for fiscal year 1984, dated February 22, 1984, the President proposed nine rescissions of budget authority, as follows: \$331,431,454 for payments for operation of low-income housing projects, public and Indian housing programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development (R84-2); \$30,000,000 for land acquisition and State assistance, National Park Service, Department of the Interior (R84-3); \$19,000 for salaries and expenses, Delaware River Basin Commission (R84-4); \$24,000 for salaries and expenses, Susquehanna River Basin Commission (R84-5); \$17,750,000 for operating expenses, Panama Canal (R84-6A); \$7,625,000 for capital outlay, Panama Canal (R84-6B); \$197,862,000 for the rural electrification and telephone revolving fund, Rural Electrification Administration (R84-7); \$30,000,000 for the rural telephone bank, Rural Electrification Administration; and \$20,000,000 for the public broadcasting fund, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (R84-9).

We have confirmed that on March 28, 1984, the budget authority covered by rescission proposals R84-2 through R84-8 was apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget. The remaining rescission proposal (R84-9, Corporation for Public Broadcasting) covered funds provided as an advance appropriation not available until fiscal year 1986 and thus involved no withholding of funds.

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