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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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IN REPLY B-196797  
REFER TO:

September 25, 1980

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

On August 27, 1980, the President's twelfth special message for fiscal year 1980 was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The special message proposed one new deferral of budget authority totaling \$15.8 million and a revision to one previously transmitted deferral increasing the amount deferred by \$0.5 million as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

D80-73 General Administration  
Participation in United States  
Expositions  
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A technical adjustment should be made on the form documenting D80-73 to reflect that the deferral of \$15.8 million is proposed for the entire year, rather than for part of year. Agency officials told us that approximately \$12.9 million of the funds proposed for deferral are planned for obligation in FY 1981 with the remaining \$2.9 million being obligated in later years. The special message also states that the remaining \$4.986 million available for obligation in FY 1980 will be obligated in FY 1980 under present program plans. However, agency officials told us that because of various program delays, a portion of the funds apportioned for FY 1980 will not be spent and, therefore, also will be carried over into FY 1981.

D80-49A National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration  
Coastal Energy Impact Fund  
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A technical adjustment should be made on the form documenting D80-49A to reflect that the deferral involves funds available for grants.

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The related rescission proposal R80-11 footnoted in this special was proposed in the President's seventh special message, and involved an additional \$50 million of funds apportioned from this account. Congress failed to pass a rescission bill and, consequently, these funds were made available on June 5, 1980. The rescission proposal affecting \$35.4 million described in the estimated effects section of the message refers to action taken by the Congress in the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act of 1980, enacted on July 8, 1980, as Public Law 96-304, to rescind funds from this account.

We have reviewed the twelfth special message. Except as noted above, we have identified no additional information that would be useful to the Congress in its consideration of the President's proposals and we believe that the proposed deferrals are in accordance with existing authority.



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