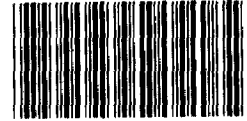




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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 third special message for fiscal year 1983, dated December 16, 1982, the President proposed rescission of \$2 million in budget authority that had been made available to the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, for construction (R83-1). Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such proposal is received by Congress. For rescission proposal R83-1, the 45-day period ended on March 24, 1983, without Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on March 25, 1983, the Office of Management and Budget apportioned the subject budget authority to the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, for construction.

Sincerely yours,

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