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[Impoundment Reports to Congress]

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

On November 30, 1978, we received copies of the President's second special message for fiscal year 1979 that was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The special message proposed a rescission of \$75,000 in budget authority for the salaries and expenses account of Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, four new deferrals totalling about \$889 million, and revisions to two previously proposed deferrals as follows.

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

R79-1 Salaries and Expenses
 7990100

We note that pursuant to section 1011(5) of the Impoundment Control Act, 31 U.S.C. 1401(5), the 45-day period specified for the consideration of a rescission bill will begin on the second day of the first session of the 96th Congress. Eased upon tentative recess schedules for the 96th Congress, we estimate that the 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end on March 11, 1979.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

D79-31 International Security Assistance
 Military Assistance
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

D79-32 United States Fire Administration
Facilities
138/00801

According to U.S. Fire Administration officials, the Administration has chosen a new site for the National Fire Academy and its request for release of the deferred funds has been sent to the Office of the Secretary of Commerce.

D79-33 Maritime Administration
Ship Construction
13X1708

We understand that, due to increased shipbuilding activity, the Department of Commerce is in the process of requesting the Office of Management and Budget to apportion \$134 million of the \$157 million.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - MILITARY

D79-34 Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy
179/31611

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

D79-17A Federal Prison System
Buildings and Facilities
15X1003

According to officials at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, the correct amount of funds being withheld in deferral D79-17A should be \$37,005,000, an amount almost \$160,000 less than reported. We understand that the Bureau is in the process of revising the amount of the deferral.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

D79-18A United States Emergency Refugee and
Migration Assistance Fund, Executive
11X0040

Except as noted, we conclude the information provided in the rescission and deferral proposals listed

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above is correct and that the actions being proposed
have been clearly and accurately stated.


Deputy Comptroller General
of the United States