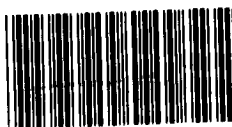




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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

On July 28, 1982, the President's sixteenth special message for fiscal year 1982 was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The special message proposed one rescission of budget authority totalling \$83.5 million. On August 23, 1982, the President submitted his seventeenth special message for fiscal year 1982, proposing one rescission of budget authority totalling \$2.3 million, a new deferral totalling \$2.7 million and revisions to two previously reported deferrals which increase the amounts deferred by \$4.8 million. Our report follows.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

R82-30 Energy Programs
Fossil Energy Construction
89X0214

In R82-30, the President proposed rescission of \$83.5 million of a total of \$119.1 million earmarked for continued design of the SRC-I coal liquefaction project. In the 1982 Supplemental Appropriations Act (September 10, 1982), Congress provided the following disposition of the entire \$119.1 million: \$64 million is deferred until enactment of the 1983 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act; \$28.1 million is to be used for certain post-baseline activities; \$22 million for termination costs of SRC-I; and \$5 million for related administrative expenses.

BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

R82-31 Grants and Expenses
9521145

The President's proposal covered \$2,333,694, representing net currency exchange gains at the end of the third

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quarter of fiscal year 1982. The funds were placed in reserve as required under 22 U.S.C. §2877(b). The 1982 Supplemental Appropriations Act (September 10, 1982) rescinded \$2 million from this account.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

D82-140A Construction, Major Projects
36X0110

The amounts listed as outlay effects of the deferral should be revised as follows:

- 1982 into 1983 - \$4,072,000
- 1983 into 1984 - \$21,527,000
- 1984 into 1985 - \$27,845,000.

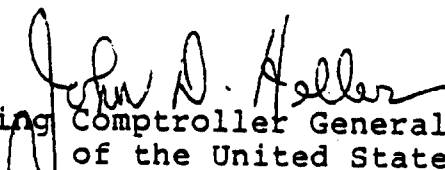
INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

D82-252 Payments for directed rail service
30X0103

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF
ETHICAL PROBLEMS IN MEDICINE

D82-221A Salaries and Expenses
4823800

We have reviewed the sixteenth and seventeenth special messages. 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.


Acting Comptroller General
of the United States