

## COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON D.C. 20648

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

On July 28, 1983, the President's tenth special message for fiscal year 1983 was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The special message proposes three new deferrals totalling \$16,118,000. Our report follows.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

D83-80 Energy Programs

Fossil Energy Research and Development

Amount deferred: \$15,326,000

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

D83-81 Legal Activities
Salaries and Expenses
General Legal Activities
Amount deferred: \$561,000

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D83-82 Legal Activities
Salaries and Expenses
Antitrust Division

Amount deferred: \$231,000

The funds involved in D83-81 and D83-82 were deferred pending action by Congress on a proposal to transfer the funds to the U.S. Attorneys and Marshals appropriation account. In the 1983 Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 98-63, July 30, 1983), Congress appropriated the additional amount requested for the U.S. Attorneys and Marshals account without requiring transfer of the deferred funds. Agency officials advised us that, as a result of the Congressional action, the deferred funds will be made available in the original accounts.

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We have reviewed the tenth 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 statutes.

Comptroller General