



UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

127744

July 31, 1985

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

B-216664



127744

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 his ninth special message for fiscal year 1985, dated May 16, 1985, the President proposed two rescissions of budget authority totalling \$37,401,818. The activities for which the funds proposed for rescission were provided are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

R85-243 Power Marketing Administration
Southeastern Power Administration,
Operation and Maintenance
Amount: \$23,401,818
89X0302

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

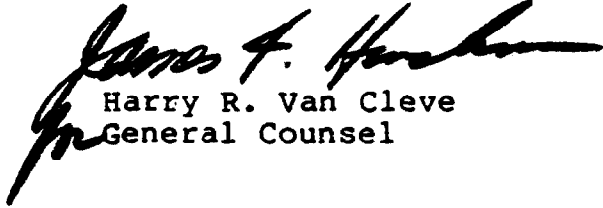
R85-244 Public Broadcasting Fund
Amount: \$14,000,000
2070151

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 the rescission proposals submitted in the President's ninth special message, the 45-day period ended on July 19, 1985 without Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on July 19, 1985, the budget authority covered by rescission proposal R85-243 was apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget. The remaining

B-216664

rescission proposal (R85-244 Corporation for Public Broadcasting) covered funds provided as an advance appropriation not available until fiscal year 1987 and thus involved no withholding of funds.


Harry R. Van Cleve
General Counsel