

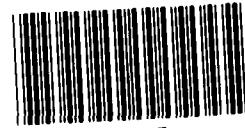
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To the President of the Senate and the  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

On March 20, 1986, the President's fifth special message for fiscal year 1986 was submitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. We have reviewed the impoundments reported in that message. Enclosure I provides all information we identified which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of the message. Enclosure II is a copy of the President's listing of all impoundments reported in the third message.

The proposed deferrals are in accordance with existing authority. The President submitted one new rescission proposal for \$5,344,000, designated as Rescission Proposal No. 86-77A. The 45-day period of continuous session during which this budget authority may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end on May 17, 1986. The budget authority, however, was released for obligation on May 9, 1986.

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Comptroller General  
of the United States

Enclosures

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RESCISSIONSFUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

R86-1A                      Multilateral Assistance  
                                  International organizations  
                                  and programs  
                                  Proposed for rescission: \$51,711,475  
                                  1161005

The message revises proposed legislative rescission language transmitted to the Congress in the third special message, February 5, 1986. The revised language would specify the amount and the organization for which funds not proposed for rescission would be available. The amount proposed for rescission was not changed.

The latest apportionment schedule for this account, dated April 16, 1986, indicates that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has released for obligation all funds proposed for rescission.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

R86-77A                      Energy Programs  
                                  Energy conservation  
                                  Proposed for rescission: \$15,160,000  
                                  89X0215

The message proposes to rescind an additional \$5,344,000 of budget authority available to the Department of Energy for energy conservation research and development activities. In his fourth special message for fiscal year 1986, March 12, 1986, the President proposed rescinding \$9,816,000 from this account.

Although the message characterizes this as a revised rescission proposal, the proposed rescission of \$5,344,000 is, in effect, a new rescission proposal. The 45-day period of continuous session provided by the Impoundment Control Act for congressional consideration of the proposed rescission of the \$5,344,000 will end on May 17, 1986. (Because the proposed rescission of the \$9,816,000 was reported earlier, on March 12, the 45-day period for the \$9,816,000 ended on May 9.)

The latest apportionment schedule for this account, dated May 9, 1986, indicates that OMB has released for obligation the entire amount (\$15,160,000) proposed for rescission.

DEFERRALS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D86-53A                      Maritime Administration  
                                 Operations and training  
                                 Amount deferred: \$10,238,000  
                                 69X1750

Of the amount reported as deferred, \$8.5 million has been released by OMB for obligation. The \$8.5 million withholding was initially reported in the third special message, February 5, 1986. In our report of March 11, 1986, GAO/OGC-86-6, we found that withholding to be an unauthorized reimbursement. As we reported on April 8, GAO/OGC-86-11, the Department of Transportation agreed to release the funds. The \$8.5 million was apportioned by OMB on April 11.

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