

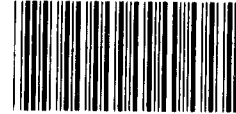
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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This letter reports on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission by the President in his fourth special message for fiscal year 1986, March 12, 1986, but for which the Congress did not pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011 of the Impoundment Control Act (the Act). All budget authority withheld pursuant to the rescission proposals submitted in the fourth message has been released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for obligation.

In the fourth message, the President proposed rescinding budget authority from three Department of Energy accounts, as follows: \$38,489,000 from energy supply, research and development; \$9,816,000 from energy conservation; \$13,072,000 from fossil energy research and development.

Section 1012(b) of the Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such proposal is received by the Congress. For the rescission proposals submitted in the fourth message, the 45-day period ended on May 9, 1986, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on May 9, 1986, all funds proposed for rescission were made available by OMB for obligation by the agencies to which they were appropriated.

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