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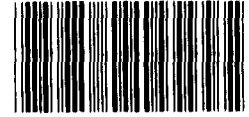


Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

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

On October 29, 1987, the President submitted to the Congress the second special impoundment message for fiscal year 1988. This message reports six new deferrals. We have reviewed these deferrals and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, as amended by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Reaffirmation Act, Pub. L. No. 100-119, 101 Stat. 754, 785-786 (1987).

Enclosure I provides specific information about three impoundments, including one with respect to which a revision in the amount has not yet been reported to the Congress, which we believe may be useful to the Congress in its examination of this message. Enclosure II lists all of the impoundments reported by the President in this special message.

for *Milton J. Fowler*
Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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COMMENTS ON THE SECOND SPECIAL MESSAGE

D88-15

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Power Marketing Administration
Southeastern Power Administration,
Operation and maintenance

Amount deferred: \$2,000,000

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The Office of Management and Budget's cumulative report of impoundments, dated December 8, 1987, shows that the \$2 million reported in this message as deferred has been released for obligation.

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Power Marketing Administration
Western Area Power Administration,
Construction, rehabilitation,
operation and maintenance

Amount deferred: \$774,000

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The latest apportionment schedule for this account, dated October 28, 1987, shows total budgetary resources of almost \$158 million, not \$128.815 million as reported in the message. The amount noted in the message does not include appropriations realized under the Continuing Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1988, Public Law 100-120.

Although the total budgetary resources available have increased, the amount deferred remains the same as that reported in the message.

D88-19

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs
Crime victims fund

Amount deferred: \$85,000,000

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The Department has recently ascertained that the actual unobligated balance brought forward on October 1 was \$87,202,633, not \$85 million. The Department has concluded that the additional funds, \$2,469,633, also will not be needed in fiscal year 1988, and, accordingly, has decided to defer that amount. Although a message reporting the revised deferral to the Congress is being prepared at the Department

of Justice, we are advising the Congress now, in accordance with our responsibilities under section 1015(a), of the additional deferral of \$2,469,633 in this account. This report has the same effect as if it were a deferral message transmitted by the President.

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE
as reported by the President
(in thousands of dollars)

<u>DEFERRAL NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	Department of Energy	
	Power Marketing Administration	
D88-14	Alaska Power Administration, Operation and maintenance.....	120
D88-15	Southeastern Power Administration, Operation and maintenance.....	2,000
D88-16	Southwestern Power Administration, Operation and maintenance.....	6,000
D88-17	Western Area Power Administration, Construction, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance.....	774
	Department of Health and Human Services:	
D88-18	Office of Assistant Secretary for Health: Scientific activities overseas (special (foreign currency).....	2,391
	Department of Justice:	
D88-19	Office of Justice Program: Crime victims fund.....	85,000
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	Total, deferrals.....	96,285