



**Comptroller General  
of the United States**

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

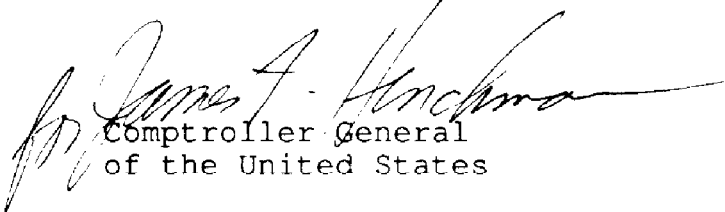
On June 4, 1993, the President submitted to the Congress the sixth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1993. This message proposed six rescissions of budget authority. Under the Impoundment Control Act, the President must submit a special message to both Houses of Congress when he determines that all or part of any budget authority is not required to carry out program objectives. 2 U.S.C. § 683. The President must specify, among other things, the amounts of budget authority proposed for rescission, the reasons in support of the proposed rescission, and all the facts and circumstances relating to the rescission. Id. The President must also deliver a copy of each special message to the Comptroller General. 2 U.S.C. § 685(b).

In order to assist the Congress in the exercise of its functions, the Impoundment Control Act directs the Comptroller General to review each message and to report the "facts surrounding the proposed rescission." Id. Our information indicates that the justifications submitted by the President for each of his proposed rescissions are accurate. We have also been informally advised that the amounts proposed for rescission are being withheld pending Congressional action.

However, for all of the rescissions proposed by the President in the sixth special message, we have been unable to verify this information because neither the agencies involved nor OMB could provide any documentation showing amounts of budget authority available or amounts being withheld.

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We continue to work with OMB so that we may obtain supporting documentation for the President's proposed rescissions. The enclosure shows the proposed rescissions as reported by the President.

  
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Enclosure

**CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE**  
**(in thousands of dollars)**

(as reported by the President)

<u>RESCISSION NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development:</b>	
	<b>Housing Programs:</b>	
R93-2	Annual contributions for assisted housing.....	13,000
R93-3	Homeownership and opportunity for people everywhere grants.....	100,000
	<b>Department of Justice:</b>	
	<b>Legal Activities:</b>	
R93-4	Assets forfeiture fund.....	20,000
	<b>Department of Transportation:</b>	
	<b>Federal Aviation Administration:</b>	
R93-5	Operations.....	3,100
R93-6	Grants-in-aid for airports.....	36,750
	<b>Coast Guard:</b>	
R93-7	Operating expenses.....	3,150
	<b>Total, rescissions.....</b>	<b>176,000</b>