



**Comptroller General  
of the United States**

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

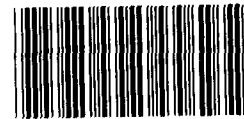
This letter reports on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission by the President in his third special impoundment message, dated January 9, 1989, but for which the Congress did not pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011(3) of the Impoundment Control Act (the Act). All budget authority withheld pursuant to the rescission proposals submitted in the third message has been released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for obligation.

In the third message, the President proposed six rescissions of budget authority. According to OMB's cumulative report dated March 16, 1989, the \$20,000,000 proposed for rescission in rescission proposal R89-1 was not withheld from obligation. The five remaining rescission proposals for which the funds were withheld are set forth in the enclosed listing submitted by the President with his third message.

Section 1012(b) of the Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on rescission bills 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 third message, the 45-day period ended on March 15, 1989, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on March 16, 1989, all funds proposed for rescission were made available by OMB for obligation by the agencies to which they were appropriated.

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Enclosure

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**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>	
	Housing Programs:	
R89-1	Subsidized housing programs.....	20,000
	Community Planning and Development:	
R89-2	Urban development action grants.....	51,651
	<b>Department of the Interior:</b>	
	Fish and Wildlife Service:	
R89-3	Land acquisition.....	30,000
	National Park Service:	
R89-4	Land acquisition and State assistance	35,000
	<b>Department of Justice:</b>	
	Office of Justice Programs:	
R89-5	Justice assistance.....	5,000
	<b>Department of Labor:</b>	
	Employment Standards Administration:	
R89-6	Black lung disability trust fund....	1,445
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	Total, rescissions.....	143,096