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

On June 23, 1982, the President's fourteenth special message for fiscal year 1982 was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. This special message proposed one rescission of budget authority totalling \$8 million and one deferral totalling \$3,613,000. Our report follows.

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL INSPECTOR,
ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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The special message states that the funds proposed for rescission are no longer needed because a two-year delay in the pipeline project prevents the Office of the Federal Inspector from expanding its 1982 program as planned. In addition, agency officials advised us that, due to the delay, permanent staff in the Office of the Federal Inspector will be reduced from 135 to 90 by the end of fiscal year 1982. They also told us that the San Francisco field office has been closed and the Omaha field office is expected to be phased out in 1983.

The officials said that the Office will maintain a role in overseeing construction of the Eastern leg of the pipeline, and will continue to audit pipeline company costs and review technical packages for the gas conditioning plant and design of the pipeline. The activities of the Office that will be most affected by the reduced funding include permits and compliance, and field surveillance.

Based on the current legislative calendar, the 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end on August 17, 1982.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Office of the Secretary
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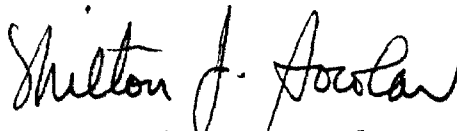
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We have reviewed the fourteenth special message. The proposed deferral is in accordance with existing authority. We have not identified any further information which would be useful to the Congress in its consideration of the President's proposals.

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