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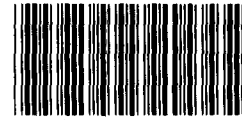


**Comptroller General  
of the United States**

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

On January 9, 1989, the President submitted to the Congress his third special impoundment message for fiscal year 1989. This message reports six proposed rescissions of budget authority. We have reviewed these proposals and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, as amended.

Enclosure I provides specific information on three of the proposals which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of the message. Enclosure II provides a list of the proposals as reported by the President.

*for* *Shelton J. Fowler*  
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Enclosures

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COMMENTS ON THE THIRD SPECIAL  
MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

R89-3 Fish and Wildlife Service  
Land Acquisition  
Amount Proposed for Recission: \$30,000,000  
14X5020

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for this account, dated January 23, 1989, total budgetary resources are \$83,337,523 not \$82,338,000 as reported in the message. The apportionment schedule estimates that the Department will recover, in this fiscal year, \$1,000,000 of prior year obligations.

R89-4 National Park Service  
Land Acquisition and State Assistance  
Amount Proposed for Recission: \$35,000,000  
14X5035

According to the most recent apportionment schedule for this account, dated January 23, 1989, total budgetary resources are \$117,997,531 not \$110,898,000 as reported in the message. The apportionment schedule estimates that the Department anticipates receipt of \$7,100,000 in reimbursements and recoveries of prior year obligations in this fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

R89-5 Office of Justice Programs  
Justice Assistance  
Amount Proposed for Recission: \$5,000,000  
1590401

According to the most recent apportionment schedules for Justice assistance, dated December 21 and 22, 1988, total budgetary resources are \$345,609,214, not \$340,259,000 as indicated in the message. The apportionment schedule estimates that the Department will recover, in this fiscal year, \$5,350,000 of prior year obligations.

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