



Human Resources Division

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March 29, 1994

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV  
Chairman  
The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
United States Senate

The Honorable G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery  
Chairman  
The Honorable Bob Stump  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
House of Representatives

On February 12, 1994, the President signed Public Law 103-211, which included an emergency supplemental fiscal year 1994 appropriation of \$21 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for medical care. This was intended to pay for emergency medical expenses resulting from the January 1994 earthquake in Southern California. As you know, 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(4) requires that we report on several actions the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to take in response to each law making appropriations to VA. Specifically, the OMB Director must

- authorize VA to employ not less than the number of employees for which funds were appropriated in its medical care, medical and prosthetic research, and medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses accounts;
- provide VA with funds appropriated for these employees; and
- certify these actions to the Comptroller General and the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs not later than 30 days after the President signed the appropriation law.

The OMB Director provided a written certification on March 3, 1994, that addressed the above appropriation act. On the basis of discussions with VA and OMB officials, and a review of documentation supporting that OMB (1) apportioned the

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amount appropriated and (2) authorized VA to employ the number of people for which funds were appropriated, we concluded that the director has complied with all three requirements of section 8110(a)(4).

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