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

On January 22, 1982, the President's seventh special message for fiscal year 1982 was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The special message proposes three new deferrals of budget authority totalling \$1,758.3 million and revisions to eleven previously reported deferrals totalling \$191.3 million as follows:

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

D82-1A Appalachian Regional Development Programs
11X0090

Due to an error in addition, the amount of total budgetary resources listed in the special message is understated by \$800. The correct total amount is \$196,493,800.

D82-219 International Security Assistance
Economic Support Fund, 1982
1121037

We were advised by officials at the Agency for International Development that the amount deferred has been reduced to \$1,419,980,000, due to approval of specific requests by the Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

D82-2A Forest Service
Timber Salvage Sales
12X5204

The timber salvage sale funds have been the subject of deferral proposals in fiscal years 1978-1982. We stated in our report on the President's first special message for fiscal year 1982 that section 14(h) of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-588, 16 U.S.C. §472a(h), provides that deposits in the timber salvage sales fund are to remain available until expended to cover the cost of accomplishing the purposes for which deposited. However, section 14(h) also provides that sums found to be in excess of the cost of accomplishing the statutory

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purposes shall be transferred to miscellaneous receipts in the United States Treasury. We commented that some of the funds currently on deposit may be in excess of what is needed, in view of the fact that deferrals have been proposed since 1978 and total budgetary resources available also have increased.

We also noted that Forest Service Manual 2435.4, dated October 15, 1979, provides that all salvage sale funds in excess of 150 percent of the latest 3-year average of actual costs will be returned to the Treasury beginning in fiscal year 1982. Based on current figures, we estimate that approximately \$4.5 million of the \$7.3 million proposed for deferral should be transferred to the Treasury, as provided in section 14(h) and in the Forest Service Manual. We based our estimate on the following calculation:

(millions)		
Total funds available		\$19.7
3-year average of actual costs	10.1	
150 percent of 3-year average		<u>15.2</u>
Funds available for return to Treasury		<u>4.5</u>

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

D82-5A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Construction
13X1452

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - MILITARY

D82-6A Military Construction
211/52050

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - CIVIL

D82-8A Wildlife Conservation
Army, Navy, Air Force
21X5095
17X5095
57X5095

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

D82-12A Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health
Administration
Construction and Renovation, Saint
Elizabeths Hospital
75X1312

D82-13A Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
Scientific Activities Overseas
(Special Foreign Currency Program)
75X1102

As we stated in our prior report on the deferral in this account (D82-13), Egypt is no longer an excess currency country and should be deleted from the list of countries in the special message. We have been told that Yugoslavia, Poland, and Tunisia also are no longer on the excess foreign currency list. However, there are ongoing research projects funded from this account in these countries begun when they were still classified as excess foreign currency countries. In addition, although Burma is still on the list, there are no active projects funded in that country.

D82-44A Social Security Administration
Cuban and Haitian Entrants, Domestic
Assistance and Reception and Processing
7520175
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D82-45A Social Security Administration
Cuban and Haitian Entrants, Domestic
Assistance and Reception and Processing
7520175
75X0175
75X0174

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

D82-19A United States Emergency Refugee and
Migration Assistance Fund, Executive
11X0040

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D82-21A Federal Aviation Administration
Facilities and Equipment (Airport
and Airway Trust Fund), FAA
69X8107
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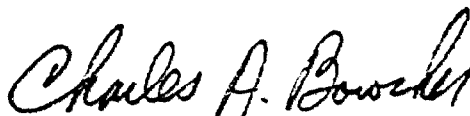
D82-220 Research and Special Programs Administration
 Research and Special Programs
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The special message states that the deferral will shift \$.6 million in fiscal year 1982 outlays into 1983. However, we were advised that there will be no outlay effects as a result of the deferral and that OMB will amend the special message accordingly.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF
ETHICAL PROBLEMS IN MEDICINE

D82-221 Salaries and Expenses
 4823800

We have reviewed the seventh special message. Except as noted above, we have identified no additional information that would be useful to the Congress in its consideration of the President's proposals and we believe that the proposed deferrals are in accordance with existing authority.



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