



**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 fifth special impoundment message, dated April 23, 1990, 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 fifth message has been released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for obligation.^{1/} The rescission proposals for which funds were withheld are set forth in the enclosed listing submitted by the President with his fifth special 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 fifth special message, the 45-day period ended on June 18, 1990, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on June 19, 1990, all funds proposed for rescission were made available by OMB for obligation by the agencies to which they were appropriated.

for *Milton J. Rowland*
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Enclosure



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^{1/} In the fifth special message the President proposed three rescissions of budget authority. According to OMB officials, the \$181,800,000 proposed for rescission in R90-3 was never withheld from obligation.

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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>
	Department of Agriculture:	
	Agricultural Research Service	
R90-1	Buildings and facilities.....	4,075
	Cooperative State Research Service	
R90-2	Buildings and facilities.....	41,008
	Department of Commerce:	
	Economic Development Administration	
R90-3	Economic development assistance programs.....	<u>181,800</u>
	Total, Proposed Rescissions.....	226,883