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Comptroller General
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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 for fiscal year 1991, dated June 28, 1991, but for which the Congress has not passed a rescission bill as defined in section 1011(3) of the Impoundment Control Act (the Act). All the budget authority withheld under the rescission proposals submitted in the fifth special message has been released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for obligation.^{1/} The rescission proposals 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 September 28, 1991, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that as of September 28, 1991, all funds proposed for rescission were available for obligation. See footnote 1, infra.

for *Milton J. Fowler*
Comptroller General
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Enclosure

^{1/} As we explained in a previous report to the Congress, notwithstanding the formal rescission proposals, funds in both accounts proposed for rescission were never withheld from obligation. GAO/OGC-91-11, Aug. 20, 1991; see also, OMB Cumulative Report, September 10, 1991.

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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 Commerce:	
	Economic Development Administration:	
R91-28	Economic development assistance programs.....	115,000
	Department of Housing and Urban Development:	
	Housing Programs:	
R91-29	Annual contributions for assisted housing.....	427,000
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	Total rescissions.....	542,000

<u>DEFERRAL NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	Funds Appropriated to the President:	
	International Security Assistance:	
D91-1C	Economic support fund.....	2,943,659
	Department of Health and Human Services:	
	Social Security Administration:	
D91-5A	Limitation on administrative expenses.....	7,317
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	Total deferrals.....	2,950,976