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[Release of Budget Authority and Comments on a Revision to a Previously Proposed Rescission]

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives } CWO 00001

This letter both reports the release of budget authority required to be made available for obligation pursuant to sections 1012(b) and 1013(b) of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 and provides the Congress with our comments on a revision to a previously proposed rescission.

The second special message for fiscal year 1979 submitted by the President on November 30, 1978, proposed the following rescission on which the Congress did not act favorably:

to the FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION AGC 00486

R79-1 Salaries and expenses
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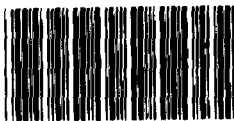
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The 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds were allowed to be withheld pending congressional action on the rescission proposal ended on March 11, 1979. We have confirmed that OMB has apportioned the budget authority and that the funds have been made available for obligation.

In addition, the Congress has disapproved (Senate Resolution 50, March 13, 1979) the following deferral of budget authority that was proposed in the President's October 2, 1978, special message:

sub to D79-6 → DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration AGC 00068
Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries
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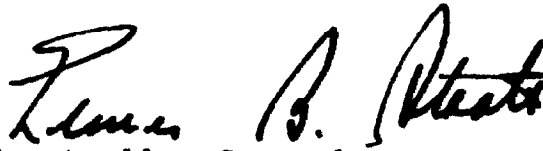
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Finally, on February 14, 1979, the President sent to the Congress his seventh special message for fiscal year 1979. The message revised a previously proposed rescission (R79-11 originally proposed on January 31, 1979) involving funds apropriated to the Small Business Administration (SBA); specifically, the message reduced by \$6 million the amount sought for rescission.

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Based upon our review of the February 14, 1979, special message, we believe that proposal has been clearly and accurately stated. We understand that SBA now intends to use the \$6 million to pay the salaries and expenses of temporary disaster loan employees.


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