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[Release of Impounded Budget Authority Funds]

Speaker of the House President of the Senate

This letter reports the release of \$16.5 million in impounded budget authority required to be made available for obligation by section 1013(b) of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The President's July 25, 1975, special message reported a proposed deferral (D76-49) of \$16.5 million in budget authority for the Community Services Administration's Emergency Energy Conservation Services Program. On October 3, the Senate disapproved this deferral, thereby requiring the \$16.5 million be made available for obligation.

The deferred budget authority was made available by continuing resolution budget authority provided by Public Law 94-41. Since the continuing resolution states that the budget authority it provides is exempt from the apportionment process, OMB is not involved in the release of the budget authority. We have been advised by Community Services Administration officials that the full \$16.5 million is to be released and they have begun the allotment process to make these funds available for obligation.

Comptroller General of the United States

Sincerely yours, that

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