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[President's Special Messages Proposing Deferral of Fudget Authority Provided to the Department of Commerce and Rescission Involving Department of Defense Procurement Funds]. OGC-77-27; B-115398. August 15, 1977. 2 pp.

Report to the Congress; by Flmer B. Staats, Comptroller General.

Contact: Office of the Comptroller General.
Pridget Function: Miscellaneous: Impoundment Control Act of 1974
(1005).

Organization Concerned: Department of Commerce: Department of Defense: Energy Research and Development Administration. Congressional Relevance: Congress.

Authority: Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The President's 16th and 17th special messages for fiscal year 1977 were transmitted to Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. Findings/Conclusions: The 16th special message proposed a deferral of \$11 million in budget authority that had been provided to the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, for local public works program activities and a revision to a previously transmitted deferral. The 17th special message proposed a rescission involving Department or Defense procurement funds of \$105 million concerning the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. With respect to the rescission proposal, the 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional action will expire on October 20, 1977. Information provided in the messages was found to be correct and actions proposed were clearly and accurately stated. (Author/HTW)



COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20148

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

Dear Mr. President:

On July 26, 1977, we received copies of the President's 16th and 17th special messages for fiscal year 1977 that were transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The 16th special message proposed a deferral of \$11 million in budget authority that had been provided to the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for Local Public Works program activities and a revision to a previously transmitted deferral. The 17th special message proposed a rescission involving Department of Defense procurement funds of \$105 million concerning the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

16th SPECIAL MESSAGE:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

D77-63 Economic Development Administration Local Public Works Program 1372052, 137/92052

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

D77-58A Operating Expenses
Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant
Project, 89X0160

17th SPECIAL MESSAGE:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R77-20 Missile Procurement, Air Force 577/93020

With respect to rescission proposal R77-20, the 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional action on a rescission bill will expire on October 20, 1977.

We conclude that the information provided in the 16th and 17th special messages is correct and that the actions being proposed have been clearly and accurately stated.

Comptroller General of the United States