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

On November 5, 1976, we received copies of the President's fourth special message for Fiscal Year 1977 that was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The special message withdrew one previously reported recission proposal, and included three new deferral proposals and two supplementary reports to previously proposed deferrals. Our comments on the withholdings reported on November 5, 1976, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

R77-4A Federal Highway Administration Highway Crossing Federal Projects

We have confirmed that the budget authority proposed for recission (\$35,000,000) has been apportioned by OMB and that the Department has made it available for obligation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

D77-34 Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

- D77-14A Office of Education Higher Education 75X0293
- D77-15A Social Security Administration Limitation on Construction 75X8705
- D77-35 Office of the Secretary Howard University Construction 75X0106

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

D77-36 ... Office of the Secretary 20 X Cl37 Loans to the District of Columbia for Capital Outlay

We conclude that the information in the above deferral proposals is correct and the actions being proposed have been clearly and accurately stated.

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- Deputy Comptroller General

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