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

Section 658(a) and (b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971
reads as follows:

"Sec. 658. Limitation on Use of Funds.--(a) Except
as otherwise provided in this section, none of the funds
appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act or
the Foreign Military Sales Act shall be obligated or ex-
pended until the Comptroller General of the United States
certifies to the Congress that all funds previously appro-
priated and thereafter impounded during the fiscal year
1971 for programs and activities administered by or under
the direction of the Department of Agriculture, the Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department
of Health, Education, and Welfare have been released for
obligation and expenditure.

"(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply--
"(1) to funds being withheld in accordance with
specific requirements of law; and
"(2) to appropriations obligated or expended
prior to April 30, 1972."

On the basis of our review, I certify that all funds previously
appropriated and thereafter impounded during fiscal year 1971 for pro-
grams and activities administered by or under the direction of the
1, 2 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Housing and Urban Develop- 42, 23
3 ment, and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare have been 22
released for obligation and expenditure.

The Office of Management and Budget has been notified of this
certification.

Sincerely yours,

James P. Stacks

Comptroller General
of the United States

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