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Report to the Congress; by Paul G. Deubling, General Counsel.

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Budget Function: Miscellaneous: Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (1005).

Organization Concerned: Department of Defense; Department of the Navy; Office of Management and Budget.

Congressional Relevance: Congress.

Authority: Impoundment Control Act, sec. 1012(b).

A rescission of \$126,212,000 in budget authority available to the Department of the Navy for its Patrol Hydrofoil Missile Program (R77-14) was proposed in the President's 12th special message for fiscal year 1977 (May 18, 1977). Congress failed to complete action on the rescission bill within the statutory 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day the proposal was received. As a result, the funds have been apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget to the Department of Defense and are available for obligation. (DJM)

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

The purpose of this letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed, but rejected, for rescission. In his 12th special message for fiscal year 1977, dated May 18, 1977, the President proposed the rescission of \$126,212,000 in budget authority that had been made available for shipbuilding and conversion activities of the Department of the Navy, Patrol Hydrofoil Missile Program (R77-14).

Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such a proposal is received by the Congress. For R77-14 the 45-day period expired on July 22, 1977.

We have confirmed that the subject budget authority has been apportioned by OMB to the Department of Defense and that it has been made available for obligation.

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