



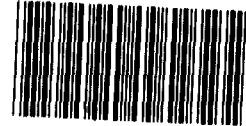
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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission, but for which Congress failed to pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011 of the Impoundment Control Act.

In his fifth special message for fiscal year 1985, dated February 6, 1985, the President proposed 226 rescissions of budget authority totalling \$371,994,000. The activities for which the funds proposed for rescission were provided are set forth in the enclosed listing which was submitted with the President's fifth message.

Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such proposal is received by Congress. For the rescission proposals submitted in the President's fifth special message, the 45-day period ended on April 24, 1985 without Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on April 25, 1985, the funds proposed for rescission were made available for obligation to the agencies to which they were appropriated.

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Enclosure

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