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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 sixth special message for fiscal year 1985, dated February 6, 1985, the President proposed sixteen new rescissions of budget authority totalling \$1,047,089,569, and nine revised rescissions totalling \$386,829,000. 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 sixth 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 sixth 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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**CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE**  
(in thousands of dollars)

<u>RESCISSION #</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	<b>Funds Appropriated to the President</b>	
	<b>Appalachian Regional Development</b>	
R85-1	Programs.....	99,000
	<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	
	<b>Agricultural Research Service</b>	
R85-11	Buildings and facilities.....	16,950
R85-12		20,950
	<b>Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service</b>	
R85-23	Dairy indemnity program.....	88
	<b>Rural Electrification Administration</b>	
R85-28	Reimbursement to the Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving Fund.....	215,964
R85-29	Purchase of Rural Telephone Bank capital stock.....	30,000
	<b>Department of Commerce</b>	
	<b>General Administration</b>	
R85-52	Salaries and expenses.....	3,700
	<b>Economic Development Administration</b>	
	<b>Economic development assistance</b>	
R85-55	programs.....	24,000
R85-56		179,000
	<b>International Trade Administration</b>	
R85-60A	Operations and administration.....	21,533
	<b>United States Travel and Tourism Administration</b>	
R85-63A	Salaries and expenses.....	3,885
	<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>	
R85-64A	Operations, research, and facilities.....	104,340
R85-65	Fisheries loan fund.....	1,550
	<b>National Telecommunications and Information Administration</b>	
R85-69A	Public telecommunications facilities, planning and construction.....	10,000

<u>RESCISSION #</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	<b>Department of Education</b>	
	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	
R85-76	Excellence in education.....	80,000
	Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs	
R85-77	Grants to schools with substantial numbers of immigrants.....	30,000
	Office of Postsecondary Education	
R85-78	Higher education.....	59,750
	<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	
	Housing Programs	
R85-126	Payments for operation of low-income housing projects.....	253,138
	<b>Department of the Interior</b>	
	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement	
R85-133A	Abandoned mine reclamation fund.....	3,233
	National Park Service	
R85-146	Land acquisition and state assistance.....	30,000
	<b>Department of Justice</b>	
	General Administration	
R85-150	Working capital fund.....	3,000
	<b>Department of Labor</b>	
	Employment and Training Administration	
R85-163A	Program administration.....	1,921
R85-164A	Training and employment services.....	255,738
	Employment Standards Administration	
R85-167A	Salaries and expenses.....	2,235
	Bureau of Labor Statistics	
R85-170A	Salaries and expenses.....	5,765
	<b>Subtotal, rescissions.....</b>	<b>1,455,740</b>