

REQUESTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE BY TRANSFER
PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFERS FROM THE EMERGENCY RE-
SPONSE FUND FOR EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESPONSE
AND NATIONAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, November 30, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 107-38, the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, today I have authorized transfers from the Emergency Response Fund totaling \$699 million for emergency recovery and response and national security activities listed in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. As provided in Public Law 107-38, these funds will be made immediately available to the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Transportation, and the Treasury, as well as the Legislative Branch.

These funds are in addition to the \$19 billion that I previously authorized for transfer in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. With this action, I have transferred all but \$327 million of the funds that were made available to me from the Emergency Response Fund.

In addition to these funds, I submitted a request for and the Congress has begun to act upon \$20 billion in additional emergency response funding. Enactment of these funds will provide adequate funding to meet known requirements. My Administration does not intend to seek additional supplemental funding for either domestic or defense needs for the remainder of this session of Congress.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

Enclosure.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, November 30, 2001.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available by transfer previously appropriated funds provided in P.L. 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001. You have previously authorized the transfer of \$19.0 billion from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

Your approval of these additional requests would transfer \$699.1 million to the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Transportation, and the Treasury, as well as the Legislative Branch. These funds would be used to: provide increased security for the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area transportation system; compensate the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for the Federal closure and reduced flight schedules at Reagan National Airport; provide additional funds to the Secret Service for overtime and additional travel costs; provide economic development assistance to Northern Virginia; increase situational awareness and improved command and control at the Department of Defense; and increase security for the Capitol complex, including overtime compensation for the Capitol Police and construction of a Capitol Visitors Center.

These requests represent the seventh round of transfers from the ERF to respond to urgent requirements arising from the September 11th terrorist attacks. Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, these funds will be made available immediately without further congressional review.

Under the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, \$20.0 billion was appropriated without further action by Congress. With this latest transfer, you will have made \$19.7 billion of this \$20.0 billion available to agencies to meet national security, homeland security, and domestic recovery purposes.

Another \$20.0 billion included in P.L. 107-38 will only be available once Congress enacts another law making these funds available for obligation. On October 17th, you requested that Congress enact approval of the \$20.0 billion and the House recently passed legislation generally consistent with that request. We will continue to work with the Congress to ensure that the final level of supplemental funding does not exceed \$20.0 billion.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending your approval of the transfers described in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL E. DANIELS, Jr., *Director.*

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
NOW BEING TRANSFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM THE EMER-
GENCY RESPONSE FUND

Department of Commerce: Economic Development Administra- tion—Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$2,000,000
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These funds will support economic development activities in Northern Virginia necessary as a consequence of the terrorist attacks.

Department of Defense—Military	\$345,000,000
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These resources will provide funding for: increased situational awareness (\$215.0 million) and improved command and control (\$130.0 million).

Department of Transportation:	
Federal Aviation Administration—Operations	\$15,000,000
Federal Transit Administration—Formula Grants	10,000,000

These funds will be used to compensate the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for the Federal closure and reduced flight schedules at Reagan National Airport and to provide increased security for the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area public transportation system.

Department of the Treasury: Secret Service—Salaries and Ex- penses	\$36,714,000
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The funds include resources for increased overtime and travel for Secret Service officers and agents.

Legislative Branch:	
Senate	\$18,750,000
House of Representatives	22,648,000
Capitol Police	37,950,000
Architect of the Capitol	211,047,000

These funds, totaling \$290,395,000, will support increased security measures, including constructing the Capitol Visitors Center, paying overtime compensation for the Capitol Police, preparing for future terrorist events, and performing actions that can be taken to reduce the risk and potential damage to life and property caused by future terrorist events.