

REQUESTS TO REVISE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS PREVIOUSLY
TRANSFERRED FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 12, 2002.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In furtherance of the provisions of Public Law 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, today I am notifying the Congress of my intent to reallocate funds previously transferred from the Emergency Response Fund. These reallocations reflect revised priorities in light of changing national security and homeland security needs in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

As provided in Public Law 107-38, \$220 million will be made available 15 days from the date of this transmittal for the Government of Pakistan and \$39.8 million will be made available immediately for International Assistance Programs and the Department of the Treasury.

The details of these actions 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, February 12, 2002.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to revise the allocation of certain 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 (the Act). These requests would reallocate funds previously transferred to the Departments of Defense (DOD) and State from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) and now transfer those funds to International Assistance Programs to provide assistance to our allies in the war on terrorism. In addition, funds would be reallocated within the Department of the Treasury to meet changing homeland security needs.

Your November 9th request to the Congress transferred funds to DOD to pursue the war on terrorism and to the State Department to increase security at its Washington, DC headquarters. The Administration now believes that a portion of these funds would be better used to provide assistance to Pakistan and Israel, as allies in the war on terrorism. Specifically:

- This proposal would reallocate \$188 million from DOD and \$32 million from the State Department to compensate the government of Pakistan for costs incurred in aiding U.S. military forces in Operation Enduring Freedom. Pursuant to the Act, these funds would be available 15 days after the transmittal of this request.

- This proposal would also reallocate \$28 million from DOD to assist Israel in its efforts to combat and prevent terrorism. Pursuant to the Act, this funding would be available immediately.

In addition, your September 21st request transferred \$14.7 million to the U.S. Customs Service to provide air support for counterterrorism activities. However, homeland security priorities have shifted since the days immediately following the September 11th attacks and, of the amount originally transferred, \$11.8 million is no longer needed for this purpose. In order to continue to protect our Nation's borders, we propose that the Customs Service use these funds to reimburse the National Guard for its role in protecting the northern border.

I have carefully received 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
TO BE TRANSFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM THE EMERGENCY
RESPONSE FUND

Available Immediately:

International Assistance Programs: International Security Assist-
ance—Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism., Demining and Related
Programs \$28,000,000

These funds will provide bomb disposal and explosive detection
equipment to the government of Israel.

Department of the Treasury: U.S. Customs Service—Salaries and
Expenses \$11,800,000

These funds will pay for National Guard personnel to assist Cust-
oms officials in the inspection of vehicles and cargo at the north-
ern border.

Available After 15 Days.

International Assistance Programs: International Security Assist-
ance—Peacekeeping Operations \$220,000,000

These funds will compensate the government of Pakistan for
costs incurred while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and
U.S. forces in the war on terrorism.

