

A REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING



COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY'S COUNTER-TERRORISM FUND



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, October 3, 2002.*

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, I hereby request and make available \$5.7 million for the Department of the Treasury's Counter-terrorism Fund. I designate these funds as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

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.



[Estimate No. 25, 107th Cong., 2d Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,  
*Washington, DC, October 1, 2002.*

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Department of the Treasury. The funding provided was made contingent upon your submission of a budget request to the Congress that includes designation of the amount requested as an emergency requirement.

P.L. 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, provided a total of \$55.0 million in contingent emergency funding for the Department of the Treasury. To date, you have designated and made available \$18.0 million of that amount. The funds requested in this transmittal would support counter-terrorism efforts associated with securing and processing White House mail addressed to you and other protectees, including White House staff, and detection of biological warfare agents at the White House. Your approval of this request would make available up to \$5.7 million for the U.S. Secret Service. The funds would be used to purchase equipment to provide protection from chemical, biological, or radiological agents delivered through the mail and for labor costs associated with processing the mail. In addition, this funding would support the continuation of monitoring the air for biological warfare agents around the White House complex. Both of these requirements were unanticipated prior to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the anthrax attacks of Fall 2001.

I recommend that you designate this request totaling up to \$5.7 million, which is detailed in the enclosure to this letter, as an emergency requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of the Treasury in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL E. DANIELS, Jr.

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED  
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Department of the Treasury:

U.S. Secret Service: Counter-terrorism Fund: such sums as  
may be necessary, up to ..... \$5,725,000

Public Law 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, provided \$55,000,000 for the Department of the Treasury's Counter-terrorism Fund, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. To date, the President has requested and made available \$17,993,720. At this time, an additional \$5,725,000 is required to support U.S. Secret Service requirements for the processing of White House mail and the detection of biological warfare agents at the White House.

Actual expenditures may differ from the original level sought from the Counter-terrorism Fund. The Department of the Treasury will work with OMB to monitor this Fund to ensure that law enforcement bureaus are reimbursed for actual expenses and that any excess amounts are held in reserve to meet unforeseen needs related to Counter-terrorist activities.