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MAKING AVAILABLE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$11,695,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY [FEMA], AND TO DESIGNATE THESE AMOUNTS AS EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(D)(i) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 9, 1995.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994, I am transmitting a request to make available appropriations totaling \$11,695,000 in budget authority for the Department of the Interior and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As provided in P.L. 103-211, the funds will be available 15 days from the date of this transmittal.

The funds to be made available will be transferred from the Unanticipated needs account within Funds Appropriated to the President to support emergency requirements arising from the consequences of the Northridge earthquake. Of the total amount to be made available, \$5,000,000 will be provided to the National Park Service within the Department of the Interior, and \$6,695,000 will be provided to FEMA.

I designate the amounts made available as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) 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 her comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

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THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 9, 1995

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available emergency appropriations totaling \$11.7 million for the Department of the Interior and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Your approval of these requests would make available previously appropriated funds to enable these agencies to address needs arising from the January 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake in Southern California.

P.L. 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994, provided \$550 million for the Unanticipated needs account within Funds Appropriated to the President that may be transferred to any authorized Federal governmental activity to meet requirements of disasters. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. At this time, \$11.7 million in budget authority is required to support emergency disaster needs in Southern California. With the release of this \$11.7 million, all of the funds provided in P.L. 103-211 for the Unanticipated needs account will have been made available for disaster recovery purposes.

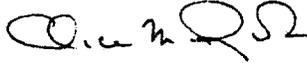
As described in the enclosure, the requests consist of:

- o \$5 million for the Department of the Interior to further help California evaluate and reconstruct damaged historic buildings; and
- o \$6.7 million for research and development activities within FEMA to ascertain why steel moment frame construction failed to provide the expected structural protection from earthquake damage.

I recommend that you designate these requests as emergency funding requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in recommending that you approve this request by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No further congressional action will be required; however, P.L. 103-211 provides Congress with 15 days to review your proposed allocation of the funds before the funds can be released.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice M. Rivlin". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alice M. Rivlin
Director

Enclosure

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

Unanticipated needs..... \$ 11,695,000

Public Law 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994, which was enacted into law on February 12, 1994, provided \$550 million in contingent emergency funding for the Unanticipated needs account within Funds Appropriated to the President. These funds were made available contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. The Act further provides that the funds may be transferred to any authorized Federal governmental activity to meet the requirements of disasters.

Of the \$550 million, \$538.3 million has been designated previously by the President as an emergency requirement and made available, following the required 15-day congressional review period, to meet requirements of disasters. At this time, \$11.7 million is required to support needs arising from the consequences of the January 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake in Southern California. The funds will be transferred to the programs, projects, and activities shown below in the amounts specified.

Upon the transfer of this \$11.7 million, the balance remaining in the Unanticipated needs account will be zero. All of the \$550 million originally provided in P.L. 103-211 will have been made available to address emergency disaster needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Historic preservation fund..... \$ 5,000,000

This \$5 million in budget authority will be distributed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the California State Historic Preservation Office to provide: (1) technical assistance in the evaluation of historic properties damaged by the Northridge earthquake; and (2) historic preservation grants to assist in structure restoration. These funds will supplement the \$5 million made available for the same purposes by the President on April 14, 1994 and subsequently obligated.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Emergency management planning and assistance.....	\$ 6,300,000
Salaries and expenses.....	\$ 395,000

These funds will be used to support research and development efforts to develop better methods to repair earthquake-damaged buildings and to design new building construction methods that provide greater structural protection from earthquake damage. This is necessary due to unexpectedly poor performance of steel moment frame structures during and after the January 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake.

