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REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$13,025,000 IN BUDGETARY AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN ADDITION A REQUEST TO REDIRECT APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$3,700,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND TO DESIGNATE THE AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT 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, April 12, 1996.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1995, I hereby make available appropriations totaling \$13,025,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, in accordance with provisions of P.L. 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, FY 1994, I am transmitting a request to redirect appropriations totaling \$3,700,000 in budget authority to the Department of Health and Human Services. Through these two actions, a total of \$16,725,000 will be made available to provide financial assistance for public health crises in Los Angeles County.

The funds appropriated in P.L. 103-333 will be available to the Department of Health and Human services immediately. As provided in P.L. 103-221, the funds appropriated in that Act will be available 15 days from the date of this transmittal. These funds have previously been made available and transferred from the unanticipated needs account within Funds Appropriated to the President to the Departments of Commerce and the Interior. Through this request, these funds will be transferred to the Department of Health and Human services to address immediate emergency requirements.

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 these actions 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.



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

THE DIRECTOR

April 12, 1996

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available emergency appropriations totaling \$16,725,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Your approval of these requests would make available previously appropriated funds to address public health crises in Los Angeles County.

The requested funds were part of the \$364 million package negotiated between the State of California, Los Angeles County, HHS, and OMB last September. Since the funds in the County's Medicaid waiver are by far the largest part of the package, we chose to hold the emergency designation pending the conclusion of detailed waiver-related discussions regarding the County's transition to a more efficient and outpatient-based health care system. I now recommend that you transmit these requests concurrently with the Health Care Financing Administration's announcement of the County's Medicaid waiver on Thursday, April 11th.

P.L. 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1995, provided \$35 million for public health needs resulting from Tropical Storm Alberto and other emergencies. 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. Of this amount, \$21,975,000 has been designated previously as an emergency requirement and made available. At this time, the remaining \$13,025,000 is required to support relief for public health crises in Los Angeles County.

P.L. 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, FY 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. 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. As of January 9, 1995, the entire \$550 million appropriation had been designated as emergency requirements and

made available to Federal agencies. As described in the enclosure, this request would redirect \$3,700,000 of funds previously made available to the Departments of Commerce and the Interior to HHS to meet immediate emergency requirements. These funds have not yet been obligated and are now needed by HHS to provide financial assistance for public health crises in Los Angeles County.

I recommend that you designate the requests described above 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. Los Angeles County continues to face a serious public health crisis and may have to close important health facilities. As one aspect of the crisis, outpatient facilities with a vital role in promoting public health may have to cease providing services. The funding that I am recommending you make available will be used to help stabilize these services while the County makes the transition to a more efficient, outpatient-based health care delivery system.

I join the Secretaries of the affected departments in recommending that you approve these requests by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. This action will make the \$13,025,000 originally appropriated in P.L. 103-333 available to HHS immediately. No further congressional action will be required on the \$3,700,000 originally appropriated in P.L. 103-211; however, that legislation provides Congress with 15 days to review your proposed allocation of the funds before the funds are available for obligation.

Sincerely,



Alice M. Rivlin
Director

Enclosures

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public health and social services
emergency fund.....\$13,025,000

Title VI, Emergency Appropriations, contained in Public Law 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1995, provided \$35 million for the Public health and social services emergency fund. 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. On March 31, 1995, the President designated \$21,975,000 as an emergency requirement, and the funds were made available to support a variety of emergency public health and social services activities. At this time, the remaining \$13,025,000 is needed to provide financial assistance for public health crises in Los Angeles County.

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

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

Unanticipated needs.....\$ 3,700,000

Public Law 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, FY 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.

All of the \$550 million appropriation has previously been designated by the President as an emergency requirement and made available for disaster recovery purposes. At this time, \$3.7 million in funds previously made available to the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior will be redirected to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These funds have not been obligated and are now needed by HHS to address immediate requirements related to public health funding crises in Southern California. The funds will be made available to the following program, project, and activity.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Health resources and services.....\$ 3,700,000

These funds will provide financial assistance for public health crises in Los Angeles County.

The funds will be redirected from the programs, projects, and activities listed below.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Economic development assistance programs.....-\$ 2,500,000

On March 21, 1994, the President transmitted a budget request to the Congress and designated \$18,000,000 as an emergency requirement. Of this amount, \$300,000 in unobligated budget authority will now be made available to HHS.

On June 23, 1994, the President transmitted a budget request to the Congress and designated \$30,000,000 as an emergency requirement. Of this amount, \$2,200,000 in unobligated budget authority will now be made available to NRS.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
Operations, research, and facilities.....-\$ 200,000

On March 21, 1994, the President transmitted a budget request to the Congress and designated \$11,000,000 as an emergency requirement. Of this amount, \$200,000 in unobligated budget authority will now be made available to NRS.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Construction.....-\$ 1,000,000

On September 12, 1994, the President transmitted a budget request to the Congress and designated \$4,868,000 as an emergency requirement. Of this amount, \$1,000,000 in unobligated budget authority will now be made available to NRS.

