

REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND, THIRD,
AND FOURTH SPECIAL IMPOUNDMENT
MESSAGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES

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THIS REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH
SPECIAL IMPOUNDMENT MESSAGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996,
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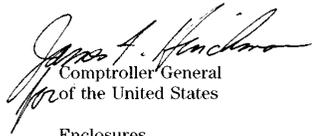
The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On February 21, 1996, the President submitted to the Congress his second special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996. The message reports three rescissions of budget authority. On February 23, 1996, the President submitted to the Congress his third special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996. The message reports one revised deferral, and three deferrals of budget authority as well as four proposed rescissions of budget authority. Also, on March 5, 1996, the President submitted to the Congress his fourth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996. The message reports one revised deferral, and two proposed rescissions of budget authority. We have reviewed the deferrals and rescissions contained in the three special messages and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, *et seq.*, as amended.

Enclosure I provides specific information with regard to seven of the deferrals and rescissions reported in the second, third and fourth special messages. Enclosure II provides lists of the deferrals and proposed rescissions as submitted by the President in his special messages.

Sincerely,


Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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ENCLOSURE I

**COMMENTS ON THE SECOND, THIRD, AND
FOURTH SPECIAL MESSAGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

R96-8 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension
Service
Buildings and Facilities
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$12,000,000
12X1501

According to the latest apportionment statement for this account dated March 7, 1996, total budgetary resources are \$67,047,389 and not \$57,838,000 as reported by the President.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

R96-1 Missile Procurement
Air Force
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$310,000,000
Account I.D.: 57-3020-1-051

R96-2 Other Procurement
Air Force
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$265,000,000
Account I.D.: 57-3080-1-051

R96-3 Research, Development, Test & Evaluation
Air Force
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$245,000,000
Account I.D.: 57-3600-1-051

Because these three proposed rescissions derive from Secret/Classified programs, our Office received only the Unclassified attachments and not the Secret attachments that contained the otherwise routine budgetary information attached to other rescission proposals. Our Office, however, orally confirmed with appropriate agency officials that the appropriation account titles and the amounts of proposed rescissions shown on the President's second special message are accurate.

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R96-4 Research, Development, Test & Evaluation
Army
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$19,500,000
216/72040

According to the latest apportionment statement for this account dated March 6, 1996, total budgetary resources are \$5,317,093,529 and not \$4,785,622,000 as reported by the President.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

D96-1A International Security Assistance
Economic Support Fund and International
Fund for Ireland
Amount Deferred: \$2,017,076,000
725/61037 726/71037 72X1037

According to the latest apportionment statement for this account dated February 19, 1996, the amount deferred has been reduced to \$ 1,073,575,000 due to subsequent releases.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

R96-9 Real Property Activities
Federal Buildings Fund
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$3,500,000
47X4542

According to OMB these funds are not being withheld from obligation.

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Enclosure II

President's Second Special Message

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE

(in thousands of dollars)

<u>Rescission</u> <u>No.</u> <u>Resources</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	Budgetary
R96-1	Missile Procurement	
	Air Force.....	310,000
R96-2	Other Procurement	
	Air Force.....	265,000
R96-3	Research, Development, Test & Evaluation	
	Air Force.....	<u>245,000</u>
	Total Rescissions.....	820,000

President's Third Special Message

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE
(in thousands of dollars)

Deferral No	ITEM	Budgetary Resources
Funds Appropriated to the President:		
International Security Assistance:		
D96-1A	Economic support fund and International fund for Ireland	2,017,076
D96-4	Foreign military financing program.....	1,385,140
D96-5	Foreign military financing loan program.....	64,400
Agency for International Development:		
D96-6	International disaster assistance, Executive.....	124,625
Total, deferrals.....		3,591,241

Rescission No	ITEM	Budgetary Resources
Department of Defense:		
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation:		
R96-4	Research, development, test, and evaluation, Army.....	19,500
R96-5	Research, development, test, and evaluation, Navy.....	35,000
R96-6	Research, development, test, and evaluation, Air Force.....	44,900
R96-7	Research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide.....	40,600
Total, rescissions.....		140,000

President's Fourth Special Message

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE
(in thousands of dollars)

Deferral No.	ITEM	Budgetary Resources
	Department of State:	
	Other:	
D96-3A	United States emergency refugee and migration assistance fund.....	91,031
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Rescission No.	ITEM	Budgetary Resources
	Department of Agriculture:	
	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service:	
R96-8	Buildings and facilities.....	12,000
	General Services Administration:	
	Real Property Activities:	
R96-9	Federal buildings fund.....	3,500
	Total, rescissions.....	15,500