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REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY FISCAL YEAR 1997  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY FISCAL YEAR 1997 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EMERGENCY EXPENSES RELATED TO THE DEVASTATING FLOODING IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND MINNESOTA, 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 23, 1997.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask Congress to consider expeditiously the enclosed request for an FY 1997 supplemental appropriation to provide for additional emergency expenses arising from the consequences of the devastating flooding in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. The \$300 million that I am requesting today is in addition to the emergency funding for recent natural disasters that I requested earlier and is necessitated by needs that are continuing to emerge.

I hereby designate the following request for FY 1997 supplemental appropriations as emergency funding pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended:

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning and Development, Community Development Block Grants Fund, \$100,000,000.

The details of this request 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,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.



Estimate No. 8  
105th Congress, 1st Session



THE DIRECTOR

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

April 23, 1997

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request for \$300 million in FY 1997 supplemental funding to address emergency needs arising from the devastating flooding in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

This request brings to \$788 million the estimated amount of Federal funds that the Administration is seeking to make available to respond to the flooding and other recent disasters in North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

The requested \$300 million includes two components:

- \$200 million in contingency funding that you announced yesterday on your trip to North Dakota. To address emerging needs, such as those that you saw during your visit to Grand Forks, North Dakota, on Tuesday, this proposal would provide \$200 million in contingent budget authority within Funds Appropriated to the President that would be available only in such amounts as you designate as emergency funding requirements. This contingency funding would be allocated to the appropriate Federal agencies that are responding to this disaster, based on actual need. Congress would be provided 15 days to review your proposed allocation of the funds before the funds would be released.
- \$100 million for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds are for community reconstruction and economic development.

These amounts are in addition to (1) the \$288 million that the Administration has already requested and that is in the House bill, and (2) another \$200 million that was added to your initial requests in the House bill, and that the Administration expects would be made available for North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected departments and agencies in recommending that the proposal be transmitted to Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. D. Raines', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Franklin D. Raines  
Director

Enclosures

## FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

## UNANTICIPATED NEEDS

Unanticipated Needs for Natural Disasters

For an additional amount for emergency requirements resulting from flooding and other disasters for: disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; disaster relief activities of the Department of Agriculture, including emergency loans for farmers, repair of water and wastewater facilities, flood mitigation including floodplain easements and waterways restoration, and emergency conservation activities necessary to restore farmland to its intended use; emergency highways activities of the Department of Transportation; the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration; flood control and coastal emergency activities of the Corps of Engineers; long-term economic disaster recovery and emergency business relocation and financing programs of the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce; community and economic development programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; public health and social services activities of the Department of Health and Human Services; disaster relief activities of the Department of the Interior; job-related activities of the Department of Labor; disaster relief activities of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and, activities of the General Services Administration necessary to repair damage to General Services Administration owned property, \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That such amount is designated by Congress 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, which shall be available only in such amounts as the President designates as emergency requirements pursuant to such Act: Provided further, That amounts so designated by the President shall not be available until 15 days after the President notifies Congress of such designation: Provided further, That amounts made available under this head may be transferred to the Federal agency authorized to conduct the programs and activities for which the funds are made available.

This request would provide the resources and flexibility necessary for the President to respond quickly to a variety of funding requirements associated with the devastating flooding in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. The request would provide for instances where the Federal funding required cannot yet be accurately estimated or the need for Federal resources cannot be fully identified because of the ongoing nature of this disaster.

This contingency funding would be allocated to the appropriate Federal agencies that are responding to this disaster, based on actual need. The release of any amount of this fund would not occur until 15 days after the President has officially notified Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grants Fund

For an additional amount for "Community Development Block Grants Fund," \$100,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2000, for emergency expenses resulting from flooding in the upper Midwest: Provided, That in administering these amounts, the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds, except for statutory requirements related to civil rights, fair housing and nondiscrimination, the environment, and labor standards, upon a finding that such waiver is required to facilitate the use of such funds, and would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by Congress 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.

This request would provide \$100 million to cover emergency expenses resulting from flooding in the upper Midwest.

The entire amount requested has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

