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TRANSFERS FROM THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SYSTEMS AND RELATED EXPENSES ACCOUNT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A REQUEST OF TRANSFERS FROM THE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND RELATED EXPENSES ACCOUNT



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, May 24, 1999.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I hereby request the following transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses account:

General Services Administration—General Activities, Policy and Operations: \$7,108,000.

Federal Trade Commission—Salaries and Expenses: \$2,049,000.

Funding provided to the General Services Administration will be used to support the efforts of the Year 2000 Conversion Council. Funding provided to the Federal Trade Commission will be used for remediation and testing of information technology systems.

I hereby designate the above requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) 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 his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, May 24, 1999.

The PRESIDENT,

The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to transfer \$9 million from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses Account for year 2000 (Y2K) compliance to the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). This is the sixth release of contingent emergency funding for Y2K from funds appropriated in Public Law 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999. On November 6, 1998, you allocated \$891 million; on December 8, 1998, you allocated \$338 million; on February 3, 1999, you allocated \$240 million; on March 5, 1999 you allocated \$62 million; and on April 2, 1999, you allocated \$199 million. In addition, \$30 million in emergency funding was released to the Legislative and Judicial Branches when you signed Public Law.

The contingent emergency funding provided in Public Law 105-277—\$1.1 billion for defense-related activities and \$2.25 billion for non-defense activities—has enabled Federal agencies to respond effectively to unanticipated Y2K-related issues, helping to accelerate the pace towards compliance Government-wide. With this release of funds, a total of \$496 million remains in the contingent emergency reserve for non-defense activities. This total includes \$14 million that was allocated to the Department of Energy on February 3rd but was not transferred because the House Appropriations Committee did not consider the Department's planned activities an appropriate use of emergency funding. The Department has withdrawn its request and is working with the Committee to seek other sources of funding for these activities. Of the \$1.1 billion provided for the Department of Defense, \$935 million was allocated on February 16, 1999. The remainder \$135 million, continues to be held in reserve for unanticipated requirements.

The funding released for the GSA will support the Y2K Conversion Council's efforts to communicate important information about the Federal Government's Y2K readiness, as well as readiness in key infrastructure areas and within State and local governments, to communities across the Nation. The Council will facilitate, endorse, and support a series of "Y2K Community Conversations" designed to address public concern by engaging public and private sector leaders in a dialogue that will provide an accurate picture of Y2K readiness from the community to the national level. Funding provided to the FTC will be used for remediation and testing of information technology systems, as well as to upgrade a non-compliant security system.

As noted in the March 1999 Quarterly Report on Y2K Conversion, Federal agencies are making good progress in addressing the Y2K problem and are working to ensure that there is a smooth transition in the delivery of important services. OMB continues its oversight and is working to ensure that agencies have sufficient FY 1999 resources to address Y2K-related issues, that those resources are being utilized efficiently, and that flexible contingent emergency funding remains available to address unanticipated needs as the transition into the year 2000 approaches.

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 105-277, OMB will prepare and submit reports to Congress on the proposed allocation and plan for each affected agency to achieve Y2K compliance for technology information systems before funds can be released to the agency. The report for agencies represented in this sixth release of Y2K contingent emergency funds will be transmitted to the congressional committees specified in P.L. 105-277 concurrent with this request for release of the funds. In addition, OMB has directed each affected agency to provide detailed justification materials in support of its plan and allocation to the relevant appropriations subcommittees.

I recommend that you designate the amounts listed on the enclosure as emergency requirements 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. Pursuant to P.L. 105-277, funds will be made available to agencies 15 days after this designation is forwarded to Congress.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the GSA Administrator and the FTC Chairman in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

JACOB J. LEW,
Director.

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Year 2000 (Y2K) Conversion

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Federal Trade Commission—Salaries and Expenses	2,049,000

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