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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. J. Res. 1178 - Continuing Appropriations for fiscal year 1975.

This extension of the continuing resolution is necessary to continue Federal activities for which fiscal year 1975 appropriations have not been enacted. The Congress has now completed its action on all of the regular 1975 appropriation bills except the Foreign Assistance and Related Programs bill.

Several other activities were deferred from the pending appropriation bills -- generally because they lacked authorizing legislation -- and are dependent upon the continuing resolution for new funds.

Section 4 adds a new section providing foreign assistance funds, not previously available, for:

Security Supporting Assistance for Israel	\$150,000,000
Security Supporting Assistance for Egypt.....	\$150,000,000
Middle East Special Requirements fund.....	25,000,000
Assistance to Portugal and Portuguese Colonies	10,000,000
Famine and Disaster Relief for Cyprus.....	15,000,000
Assistance to Refugees from the Soviet Union.....	10,000,000
Assistance to Palestinian Refugees.....	10,000,000

This section permits the funding of several activities which otherwise would have been precluded under a simple extension of the existing continuing resolution. In addition, the provision of \$150 million for Israel increases the \$50 million that otherwise would have been available under the resolution for that country. The provisions for Egypt and the Middle East Special Require-

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ments Fund, although below that requested for the full year, should suffice for the interval between now and passage of the foreign assistance appropriation bill, expected in February. The four other items were added at congressional initiative and are consistent with authorizations in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974.

Section 5 retains, with minor alteration, the provision of the former resolution restricting military aid to Turkey. This resolution denies funds for military assistance and sales to Turkey "unless and until the President determines and certifies to the Congress that the Government of Turkey is in compliance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the Foreign Military Sales Act, and any agreement entered into under such Acts, and that substantial progress toward agreement has been made regarding military forces in Cyprus." The President may suspend this provision and similar provisions of the Acts named only until February 5, 1975, and only if Turkey observes the cease-fire on Cyprus and neither increases its forces on Cyprus nor transfers to Cyprus any United States-supplied "implements of war."

Another modification of the current resolution, Section 3 of this resolution, makes applicable to foreign assistance funds provided by the continuing resolution the provisions, restrictions, and prohibitions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974 (which is pending action) and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

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