

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1975

The Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider a proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$300,000,000 for Military Assistance, South Vietnamese Forces and a budget amendment requiring additional authorizing legislation totalling \$222,000,000 for Military Assistance for Cambodia in fiscal year 1975. These proposals will not increase 1975 outlays.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letters from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with those comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,



Enclosures

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JAN 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROY L. ASH

SUBJECT:

Additional 1975 Funds for Indochina

On January 15, you decided to request the Congress to take certain actions to increase fiscal 1975 funding for South Vietnam and Cambodia. The documents necessary to implement your request are attached.

Tab A. A proposed Presidential Message dealing with this entire package of proposals. This draft incorporates the views of State, Defense, NSC Staff, and OMB and has been approved by your speechwriters.

Tab B. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, which would authorize additional military assistance appropriations, eliminate the \$275 million ceiling on military assistance and permit increased P.L. 480 food aid for Cambodia. These authorization changes correspond to the proposed budget amendment and will provide maximum flexibility in meeting Cambodia's needs. The Departments of State and Defense and the NSC Staff concur in this draft bill.

Tab C. The standard letter to the Speaker of the House transmitting the \$300 million supplemental for military assistance for South Vietnam and a \$222 million budget amendment for military assistance for Cambodia. If approved, these requests will result in total military assistance program levels of \$1000 million for South Vietnam, the amount authorized, and \$497 million for Cambodia provided relief from the present authorization ceilings can also be attained. This supplemental and budget amendment are reflected in your 1976 Budget and should be signed immediately.

All concerned recommend that all of these documents be released immediately after the meeting with the congressional leadership on this matter.

Attachments

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

Estimate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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The President

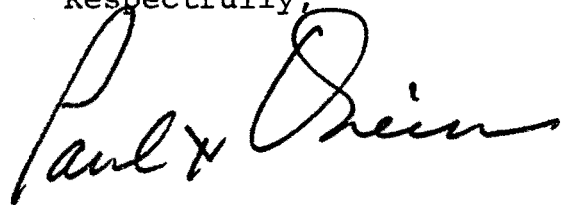
The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$300,000,000 for Military Assistance, South Vietnamese Forces and an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1975 involving an increase in the amount of \$222,000,000 for military assistance.

The details to these requests are contained in the enclosures to this letter. I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in these documents and am satisfied that these requests are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,



Enclosures

<u>Budget Appendix Page</u>	<u>Heading</u>	<u>1975 Budget Request Pending</u>	<u>Previous Amendment H. Doc. 93-301</u>	<u>1975 Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Revised Request</u>
79	Funds Appropriated to the President FOREIGN ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE MILITARY ASSISTANCE	\$925,000,000	\$60,000,000	\$222,000,000	\$1,207,000,000

The proposed budget amendment would provide an additional \$222,000,000 for Military Assistance to Cambodia. Additional authorizing legislation will be proposed. The amount authorized for Cambodia for 1975 is \$200,000,000, an amount which has already been obligated under Continuing Resolution Authority, and \$75,000,000 in contract authority under Section 506 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The increased amount is necessary to continue to provide military assistance beyond March of this year to this country which is engaged in active hostilities with Communist insurgents.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - MILITARY

MILITARY ASSISTANCE, SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES

For an additional amount for "Military Assistance, South Vietnamese Forces" \$300,000,000 to remain available until expended.

The proposed supplemental appropriation is within the amount authorized for fiscal year 1975. The amount appropriated to date, \$700,000,000, is insufficient to support adequately South Vietnamese Forces in their operations against Communist attacks.

Approval of this supplemental is urgent to prevent military stocks in South Vietnam from reaching a dangerously low level.