

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1976

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 for foreign assistance. The amendments would increase 1976 budget authority by \$25,000,000 and make other offsetting changes.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur in his comments and observations.

Respectfully,



Enclosure



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

March 8, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration amendments to the requests for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 involving a net increase in 1976 budget authority of \$25,000,000 and other offsetting amendments. The details of the amendments are shown in the enclosures to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these amendments and am satisfied that these requests are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Lynn". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosures

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Budget appendix page	Heading	1976 request pending	1976 proposed amendment	1976 revised request
95	<u>International disaster assistance</u>	---	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
	<p>(Insert, immediately after the "American Schools and Hospitals Abroad" account, the above heading and the following appropriation language:)</p> <p><u>For necessary expenses, as authorized by section 492 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and by the Guatemala Disaster Relief Act of 1976, \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That this appropriation shall be available only upon enactment of authorizing legislation.</u></p>			
107	President's foreign assistance contingency fund	30,000,000	-20,000,000	10,000,000

Budget appendix page	Heading	Transition quarter request pending	Transition quarter proposed amendment	Transition quarter revised request
95	<u>International disaster assistance</u>	---	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
	(Add the following paragraph immediately after the 1976 appropriation language for the above account).			
	<u>For "International disaster assistance" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That this appropriation shall be available only upon the enactment of authorizing legislation.</u>			
107	President's foreign assistance contingency fund	15,000,000	-10,000,000	5,000,000

These proposed amendments would redistribute funds already requested in 1976 and the transition quarter from the President's Foreign Assistance Contingency Fund to International Disaster Assistance and would provide an additional \$25,000,000 in 1976 to fund U.S. relief assistance relating to the recent earthquake in Guatemala.