

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1976

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed amended appropriation language for fiscal year 1977 for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense.

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

Respectfully,



Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 22, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed amendments to 1977 appropriation language requested in the 1977 budget for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense. The details of this amended language are contained in the enclosures to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals for amended appropriations language 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul H. O'Neill".

Paul H. O'Neill
Acting Director

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General Provisions
(In the second full paragraph on page 296, delete "Sec. ____ No" and insert the following in lieu thereof:)

Sec. ____ . Except for small purchases in amounts not exceeding \$10,000, no

(In the second full paragraph on page 296, insert the following after "Provided, That":)

nothing herein shall preclude the procurement of specialty metals produced outside the United States or its possessions when such procurement is necessary to comply with agreements with foreign governments requiring the United States to purchase supplies from foreign sources for the purpose of offsetting sales made by the U.S. Government or U.S. firms under approved programs serving defense requirements or where such procurement is necessary in furtherance of the standardization and interoperability of equipment requirements within NATO: Provided further, That:

This amended language is necessary to enable contracting officers of the Department of Defense to make purchase of certain types of commodities with a minimum of restrictions and administrative cost and difficulties; and to enable these contracting officers to take full advantage of P.L. 93-356 which raised the upper limits of the Federal Government's small purchase procedures to \$10,000. It is also necessary to enable the Department of Defense to purchase supplies from foreign sources for the purpose of offsetting sales made by the U.S. Government or U.S. firms under approved programs serving defense requirements or where such procurement is necessary in furtherance of the standardization and interoperability of equipment requirements within NATO.

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(In the paragraph under this heading
delete Section 604:)

This deletion is necessary in order to enable contracting officers in the Department of Agriculture to procure twine with a minimum of restriction and administrative difficulty and at the lowest available cost, regardless of the origin of the commodities or materials used in its manufacture. This action would also be consistent with the deletion from the last Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of a similar restriction on the Forest Service.