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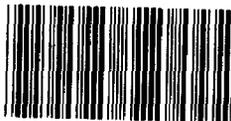
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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission, but for which Congress failed to pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011 of the Impoundment Control Act.

In the President's fourth special message for fiscal year 1984, dated December 21, 1983, the President proposed rescission of \$1.7 million in budget authority that had been made available to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, for salaries and expenses (rescission proposal R84-1). Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous session of Congress following the day such proposal is received by Congress. For rescission proposal R84-1, the 45-day period ended on March 19, 1984, without Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on March 19, 1984, the subject budget authority was apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for salaries and expenses.



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