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Speaker of the House
President of the Senate

This letter reports the release of budget authority required to be made available for obligation pursuant to section 1013(b) of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

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The President's July 1, 1975, special message included a renewal of a deferral of prior year budget authority (D76-13) for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. This message was subsequently amended by the President's July 25, 1975, special message (D76-13A) which reported the expected early completion date of a Bureau of Reclamation report on alternative project plans. The Senate disapproved this deferral, as amended, on December 5, 1975 (Senate Resolution 226).

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We have verified that OMB has apportioned the \$1,030,000 in budget authority and the Department of the Interior has made the budget authority available for obligation.

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Sincerely yours,

Phillip S. Hughes
Assistant Comptroller General

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