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

This letter reports the release of budget authority required to be made available for obligation pursuant to section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The President's first special message for Fiscal Year 1977, dated July 29, 1976, proposed the rescission of a portion of the sums the Congress had appropriated for the Legal Services Corporation. Specifically, the President recommended that \$45 million of the \$125 million Fiscal Year 1977 appropriation be rescinded.

Congress did not act favorably on this rescission proposal within the prescribed 45-day period and the \$45 million had to be made available for obligation on October 1, 1976. We have confirmed that the funds proposed, but rejected, for rescission were paid to the Legal Services Corporation on October 1, 1976.

for *Shilton Ascolari*
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