

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

November 18, 1974

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1975 which are to be derived from transfers from an already enacted 1975 appropriation. The details are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Management of Lands and Resources

For an additional amount for "Management of lands and resources", \$12,400,000, is to be derived by transfer from the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses", Office of Land Management, fiscal year 1975.

This supplemental appropriation will support the proposed Outer Continental Shelf planning schedule by conducting baseline and other studies in several frontier lease areas and one area deep in the Gulf of Mexico in order to determine their biologic, geologic and other characteristics prior to lease sales. Funds are needed now so that preparations can be made for work to be done in the brief summer seasons in the northern areas and to prepare for contingency sales, if necessary, in the southern areas, including the Gulf of Mexico.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1974

The President pro tempore  
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$15,000,000 for the Department of the Interior. Since these proposals transfer these increased appropriations from other programs, 1975 budget outlays will not be increased.

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

Respectfully,

*John D. Egan*

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Surveys, Investigations, and Research

For an additional amount for "Surveys, investigations, and research", \$2,600,000, to be derived by transfer from the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses", Office of Coal Research, fiscal year 1975.

This supplemental appropriation will support the proposed Outer Continental Shelf planning schedule by purchasing and evaluating geophysical data in several frontier lease areas in order to make assessments of oil and gas resources in each basin and to determine which parts of each basin have the greatest potential for recoverable hydrocarbons and the smallest geologic hazards.

Since these proposals total for these increased appropriations from other programs, 1975 budget outlays will not be increased.

I have carefully reviewed these proposed supplemental appropriations and the Office of Coal Research has satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

*James R. Gandy*