THE WHITE HOUSE

April 25, 1975

The President

of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$100,000 for the Commission on Federal Paperwork.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

Gerald R. Ford

Enclosure

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

April 25, 1975

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$100,000 for the Commission on Federal Paperwork, as follows:

OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Commission on Federal Paperwork

Salaries and Expenses

For "Salaries and expenses", \$100,000, to remain available until expended.

The proposed appropriation request is necessary for start-up expenses of the Commission on Federal Paperwork established by Public Law 93-556. The first Commission meeting is now planned for May 1975.

The Commission will review Federal laws, regulations, rules, policies, procedures and practices with the objective of proposing changes that would reduce or eliminate paperwork requirements imposed on the private sector by the Federal government.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that this request is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully.

Director

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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Department of Veterans
Benefits

808 and 1037

Compensation and

pensions.....

\$146,400,000

\$110,000,000

\$256,400,000

Readjustment Benefits

For an additional amount for "Readjustment benefits", \$425,000,000, to remain available until expended.

These proposed supplemental appropriations would provide for the payment of compensation, pensions, and related benefits to eligible veterans and their beneficiaries, and education and training assistance benefits to veterans of post-Korean military service, and for eligible dependents of deceased and disabled veterans. The number of eligible veterans participating in these programs has increased over the estimates contained in the February 3 Budget and the previous supplemental request.

The cost of these benefits is beyond administrative control and cannot be absorbed within available appropriations, and the pending supplemental request of \$146,400,000 for compensation and pensions.

It is estimated that the budget authority in existing appropriations and in the already pending supplemental request will be exhausted by June 2 for compensation and pensions and by June 6 for readjustment benefits.