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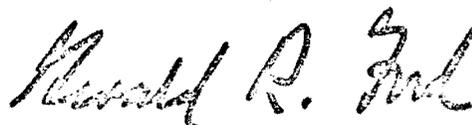
The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$889,815,000 for fiscal year 1975 and an amendment to a request now pending before the Congress for supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$100,233,000 for the Department of Agriculture.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford".

Enclosure



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

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Estimate No. _____
94th Congress, First Session

The President

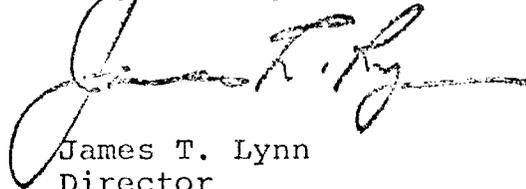
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I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$889,815,000 for fiscal year 1975 and an amendment to a request for supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$100,233,000 for the Department of Agriculture. The details of these proposals are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these requests and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,



James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food and Nutrition Service

Child Nutrition Programs

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203 and 1032	Child Nutrition Programs	\$24,623,000	\$100,233,000	\$124,856,000

Additional funds are required to provide for increased participation in the program and for the higher cost of the meals served. Participation has increased by 6 percent and the cost of meals by 7 percent over currently-programmed levels.

Food Stamp Program

For an additional amount for the "Food stamp program", \$884,815,000, to remain available until expended.

The proposed supplemental is necessary due to enactment of Public Law 94-4 which maintains the present cost-sharing requirement for participants until December 30, 1975, and the increased costs of the Federal share of State administration of the programs. As reported to the Congress on March 31, 1975, pursuant to Section 3679 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 665), the 1975 appropriation has been apportioned on a basis which indicates a need for a supplemental appropriation because the program has experienced increased participation due to an expanded awareness of the availability of benefits.

Special Milk Program

For an additional amount to carry out the provisions of the "Special milk program", as authorized by Section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1772), \$5,000,000.

The proposed supplemental would enable the Department of Agriculture to finance the mandated reimbursement rates for the estimated 2.2 million half-pints of milk served in fiscal year 1975. Public Law 93-347 increased the rate to a minimum of 5 cents for each half-pint served to eligible children with a provision to serve free milk to children unable to pay. Reimbursement for free milk is now averaging over 9 cents per half-pint.