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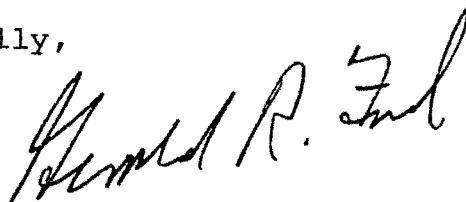
The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$11,000,000 and for the transition quarter in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Department of the Treasury.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

The Honorable
The Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



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

September 30, 1975

SIGNATURE

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES T. LYNN

SUBJECT:

Proposed 1976 Budget
Supplementals for the
Department of the Treasury

Attached for your signature are proposed supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$2,500,000 for the transition quarter for the Department of the Treasury.

The proposed supplemental provides funds to the U.S. Secret Service for the following major items:

- 150 additional agents and 132 support positions to augment protective assignments, cost \$5.0 million;
- Increased travel and transportation costs, and replacement of vehicles that meet government replacement standards, cost \$5.4 million;
- New security gates at the White House to prevent unauthorized entry by motor vehicles, cost \$.6 million.

The additional 150 agents, along with previous agent increases authorized by the Congress will increase the number of Secret Service agents by over 20 percent from the 1975 level to approximately 1,500 agents. While this increase is substantial, I believe it is fully warranted in light of recent events and the demands placed upon the Secret Service for protection of candidates during the upcoming election and for protection of increasing numbers of foreign dignitaries who will be visiting the United States during the Bicentennial.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that you sign the letter transmitting the proposed budget supplemental to the Congress. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee has scheduled hearings on Presidential security for September 30, 1975, and would like to also consider this proposal at that time.