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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 19, 1975

The President

of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$42,000,000 for the Department of State.

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

Respectfully,

Gerald Q. Ford

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$42,000,000 for the Department of State, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

International Organizations and Conferences

Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities

For payments, not otherwise provided for, by the United States for expenses of United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, \$42,000,000, notwithstanding the limitation on contributions to international organizations contained in Public Law 92-544 (86 Stat. 1109, 1110).

This supplemental appropriation is required to pay the estimated United States assessment for the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East for the twelve month period beginning October 25, 1975. The budget for these forces is scheduled to be approved by the United Nations General Assembly later this month. In view of the importance of these forces to the maintenance of peace in the area, early appropriation and payment of the United States assessment is needed in order to assure their continued effective operation.

I have carefully reviewed this budget request and I am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. I recommend therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully.

James T. Lynn Director