THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1976

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Department of Justice, fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter supplemental appropriations and an amendment to appropriations requested for the fiscal year 1977. The requests are in these amounts: \$12,613,000 for fiscal year 1976, \$2,519,000 for the transition quarter, and \$1,025,000 for fiscal year 1977.

The details of these proposals 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,

Revall R. Ford

Enclosure



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

April 22, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposals for supplemental appropriations for the Department of Justice in the amounts of \$12,613,000 for the fiscal year 1976 and \$2,519,000 for the transition quarter and an amendment to appropriations requested for fiscal year 1977 in the amount of \$1,025,000. Details of these proposals are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

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

Respectfully

James T. Lynn

Director

Enclosure

(Proposed 1976 and Transition Quarter Supplementals:)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$24,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$26,000.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, general legal activities", \$158,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, general legal activities" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$91,000.

Salaries and Expenses, Antitrust Division

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, Antitrust Division", \$61,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, Antitrust Division" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$26,000.

Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys and Marshals

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, United States attorneys and marshals", \$939,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, United States attorneys and marshals" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$1,189,000.

Fees and Expenses of Witnesses

For an additional amount for "Fees and expenses of witnesses", \$398,000. The \$1,750,000 limitation on compensation and expenses of expert witnesses contained in the Department of Justice Appropriation Act, 1976, is deleted.

For an additional amount for "Fees and expenses of witnesses" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$99,000. The \$437,500 limitation on compensation and expenses of expert witnesses contained in the Department of Justice Appropriation Act, 1976, is deleted.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$4,158,000.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$1,152,000.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

Salaries and Expenses, Bureau of Prisons

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, Bureau of Prisons", \$3,500,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses, Bureau of Prisons" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$642,000.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$2,223,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$446,000.

These requests will provide for the increased cost of necessary travel, the Government contribution to employee health and life insurance benefits, utilities, gasoline and fuel, and postage. In addition, the request for "Salaries and expenses, U.S. Attorneys and Marshals" would provide for 47 attorneys and 53 support personnel to be recruited in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1976.

The request to delete the limitations on compensation of expert witnesses is required to permit the Government to continue to use expert witnesses throughout fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter. Use of funds for expert witnesses is proceeding at a rate higher than contemplated by the limitation. As of December 31, 1975, \$1,582,000 of the \$1,750,000 1976 limitation had already been obligated, primarily because of extensive antitrust litigation.

(Proposed 1977 Amendment:)

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Budget	Heading	1977	1977	1977
appendix		Request	Proposed	Revised
page		pending	amendment	request
497	Salaries and expenses, United States Attorneys and Marshals	\$160,076,000	\$1,025,000	\$161,101,000

This request would provide funds to pay salaries and expenses of forty-seven attorneys and fifty-three support personnel for twelve months. The initial request for appropriations was constructed on the assumption that this staff would be recruited in the second quarter of fiscal year 1977.