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THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED

VETO STATEMENT OF S. 2662

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976

I AM RETURNING WITHOUT MY APPROVAL S. ~~260~~<sup>266</sup>,

WHICH AUTHORIZES FOREIGN AID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BECAUSE THE BILL WOULD SERIOUSLY OBSTRUCT THE EXERCISE

OF THE PRESIDENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR

THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

IN ADDITION TO RAISING FUNDAMENTAL

CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS, THIS BILL INCLUDES A NUMBER OF

UNWISE RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD SERIOUSLY INHIBIT MY ABILITY

TO IMPLEMENT A COHERENT AND CONSISTENT FOREIGN POLICY.

WHILE I ENCOURAGE INCREASED CONGRESSIONAL  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE FORMULATION OF FOREIGN POLICY,  
THE PATTERN OF UNPRECEDENTED RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED  
IN THIS BILL REQUIRES THAT I REJECT SUCH CONGRESSIONAL  
ENCROACHMENT ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S CONSTITUTIONAL  
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY.

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