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SUBJECT:

PRESIDENT SHOWS COMPASSION

-- The President has asked the Congress to appropriate an additional \$1.6 billion for public service jobs, on top of the \$2.5 billion already in the Budget for fiscal years 1975 and 1976. These Federal funds will enable localities to have over 300,000 people on their payrolls through fiscal year 1976.

-- The President has asked the Congress for \$412 million in supplemental funds this year to provide jobs for young people. These funds will insure an additional 760,000 summer youth job opportunities on top of the allocations already made by States and local governments with their CETA funds. The total summer program is expected to reach about 1.4 million young people.

for legislation

-- The President has asked the Congress/to provide through 1976 unemployment insurance benefits of up to 65 weeks to covered workers and up to 39 weeks for workers presently not covered by State unemployment insurance laws. The Congress is holding hearings on this legislation. This legislation is the most equitable method of providing assistance to those who have lost their jobs.

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