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**TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO BE DELIVERED UPON THE SIGNING  
OF THE BUDGET MESSAGE TO CONGRESS**

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Even with the steps I have proposed to return to fiscal integrity, this budget continues the steady and sharp annual increase in government payments to individuals, to those Americans who need help most from their government. These payments will increase by 15 billion dollars in the 1976 fiscal year over 1975 . . . from 137 billion to 152 billion. These payments include increased amounts for social security, welfare, unemployment compensation, and retirement payments.

Such payments to individuals have increased steadily as a percentage of the total budget, until they now account for more than 40 percent of government spending.

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