

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1975

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$21,260,000 for the Department of Agriculture which was transmitted in the budget for fiscal year 1976.

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

Respectfully,

Gerald R. Ford

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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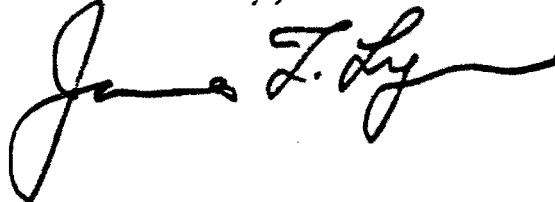
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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed amendment to the request for supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1975 transmitted in the budget for fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$21,260,000 for the Department of Agriculture. The details of this proposal are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that this request is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Lyne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Enclosure

Department of Agriculture
Forest Service

1975 Budget Appendix Pages	Heading	1975 Supplemental Request Pending	1975 Proposed Amendment	1975 Revised Request
208 and 1032	Forest protection and utilization	\$84,000,000	\$21,260,000	\$105,260,000

The proposed amendment to the pending request for supplemental appropriations includes \$5,260,000 for control of three major forest insect outbreaks and \$16,000,000 for forest fire fighting. The proposed funds for control of insect outbreaks includes \$3,975,000 for spruce budworm on 2 million acres in northern Maine, \$885,000 to control the southern pine beetle throughout the southern States, and \$400,000 for control of the mountain pine beetle in parts of Wyoming, Colorado, and South Dakota. Insect control projects would be carried out on Federal and non-Federal lands with 50 percent Federal cost-sharing. The increase in the estimate for forest fire fighting is due to greater obligations in the June 30 to December 31, 1974, period than previously anticipated.