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TEXT OF LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

April 11, 1975

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I hereby transmit draft legislation to carry out the recommendations made in my April 10, 1975 address to the Congress with respect to Indochina.

The enclosed draft bills authorize additional military, economic, and humanitarian assistance for South Vietnam, and also clarify the availability of funds for the use of the Armed Forces of the United States for humanitarian evacuation in Indochina, should this become necessary.

I urge the immediate consideration and enactment of these measures.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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A BILL

To authorize additional military assistance for
South Vietnam, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and the
2 House of Representatives of the United States
3 of America in Congress assembled, That para-
4 graph (1) of section 401(a) and subsection
5 (b) of Public Law 89-367, approved March 15,
6 1966 (80 Stat. 37), as amended, are amended by
7 striking out "\$1,000,000,000" each place it
8 appears and inserting in lieu thereof
9 "\$1,422,000,000".

A BILL

To authorize additional economic assistance for
South Vietnam, and for other purposes.

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and the House
2 of Representatives of the United States of
3 America in Congress assembled, That, in addition
4 to amounts otherwise authorized for such purposes,
5 there is authorized to be appropriated to the
6 President not to exceed \$73,000,000 to carry out
7 the purposes of part V of the Foreign Assistance
8 Act of 1961, as amended, for South Vietnam for
9 the fiscal year 1975. Funds made available for
10 economic and humanitarian assistance for Indo-
11 china shall be available after the date of
12 enactment of this Act for obligation without
13 regard to the limitations contained in sections
14 36 and 38 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974,
15 Public Law 93-559, approved December 30, 1974 (88
16 Stat. 1795).

A BILL

To clarify restrictions on the availability of funds
for the use of United States Armed Forces in
Indochina, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and the House
2 of Representatives of the United States of
3 America in Congress assembled, That nothing
4 contained in section 839 of Public Law 93-437,
5 section 741 of Public Law 93-238, section 30 of
6 Public Law 93-189, section 806 of Public Law 93-155,
7 section 13 of Public Law 93-126, section 108 of
8 Public Law 93-52, section 307 of Public Law 93-50,
9 or any other comparable provision of law shall be
10 construed as limiting the availability of funds
11 for the use of the Armed Forces of the United
12 States to aid, assist, and carry out humanitarian
13 evacuation, if ordered by the President.