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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 5899 - Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1975 -- which will provide a total of \$15, 071, 595, 998 in supplemental appropriations for all cabinet departments and many other agencies. The total includes an advance 1976 appropriation of \$17,154,000 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and \$929,000 to offset a deficiency incurred by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission during fiscal year 1974. Of the total appropriations provided in the bill nearly a third -- \$5 billion -- is the amount requested for advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and associated funds.

The bill will provide funds for a number of purposes:

- Funds will be provided for several activities which were deferred from inclusion in the regular 1975 appropriation bills, generally because they lacked authorizing legislation.
- Title II of the bill will include \$1,772.9 million required to meet the unabsorbed portion of civilian, military, and wage board pay increases effective in fiscal year 1975.
- Certain other activities will receive appropriations which were, subsequent to passage of the regular appropriation bills, either requested by you or added by the Congress.

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