

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1975

The President

of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for fiscal year 1976 providing for an increase in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Department of the Interior.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "F".



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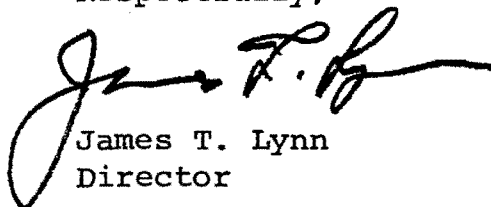
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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976, providing for an increase of \$3,000,000 for the Department of the Interior.

Details of this proposed amendment 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 that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,



James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Budget appendix page	Heading	1976 Request Pending	1976 Proposed Amendment	1976 Revised Request
584	TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS			
	Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	\$81,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$84,000,000

(Amend the first paragraph under the above heading by inserting the following immediately after "Provided,":)

That \$3,000,000 shall be available for an ex gratia payment to the people of Bikini Atoll pursuant to Public Law 94-34: Provided further,

This proposed amendment will provide for the payment of \$3,000,000 ex gratia to the people of Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The payment is for the hardship they have endured from 1946 to the present time as a result of having been relocated from Bikini to other islands so that Bikini could be used for U.S. atomic testing. The legislation authorizing this payment was signed on June 13, 1975 (P.L. 94-34).