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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 9600 - Budget Authority Rescission which rescinds \$47.5 million in 1976 contract authority for purchase of helium by the Department of the Interior. This rescission is one of eight rescission proposals made by the President for the 1976 fiscal year.

The Congress acted favorably on two more of the eight proposals:

- both the House and Senate have included language in the pending 1976 Transportation appropriations bill that would, as requested, rescind \$25 million for access highways to public recreation areas on lakes. In the same bill, however, both Houses included a direct appropriation of \$10 million for the same program. Consequently, only \$15 million of the \$25 million proposed will be saved.
- the House and Senate Appropriations Committees invited the \$90 million proposed for rescission for the Great River Road (to run through 10 States bordering the Mississippi River) to be deferred -- instead of released on September 23, 1975, as would have otherwise been required -- while the Congress continues to review the project. In the fourth 1976 special message to Congress on impoundments, the President accepted this invitation.

Three rescission proposals have been released, as is routinely required when the Congress does not act, within a specified 45 day period, to approve the rescissions. They are:

- \$25.7 million that would have reduced the amount available for construction of forest roads and trails (Forest Service, Department of Agriculture),
- \$8.7 million that is not expected to be spent this fiscal year for construction of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Treasury), and
- \$7.0 million that would have reduced the amount available for the Head Start program (Department of Health, Education, and Welfare).