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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 1517 - Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1976.

This bill authorizes fiscal year 1976 appropriations of \$818, 176, 000 for the State Department; authorizes fiscal years 1976 and 1977 appropriations totalling \$94, 685, 000 for the Foreign Service Buildings Program; authorizes appropriations for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency of \$23, 440, 000 in fiscal years 1976 and 1977 and amends the Agency's basic authorizing legislation to require, among other things, the submission of arms control impact analyses to the Congress in certain circumstances; and contains a number of other provisions discussed below.

The bill also authorizes a new \$25 million United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to enable the President to meet unexpected, urgent refugee and migration needs. Under existing law, the President is authorized to transfer up to \$10 million of foreign aid funds to meet emergency needs for migration and refugee assistance.

S. 1517 authorizes appropriations of \$23, 440, 000 for the ACDA for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 and such additional amounts as may be necessary for pay raises, increases in other personnel benefits authorized by law, and other non-discretionary costs.

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