THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1976

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$1,450,000 for the Department of State and proposed changes in appropriation language for the Departments of State and Health, Education, and Welfare.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur in his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 8, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$1,450,000 for the fiscal year 1976 for the Department of State and changes in appropriation language for the Departments of State and Health, Education, and Welfare. The details of these proposals are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these requests and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

James T. Lynn

Director

Enclosure

PARTHENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELF

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM IN THE UNITED STATES

The amount provided under this head in Public Law 94-24 (89 Stat. 89) of May 23, 1975, shall be, upon enactment into law of H.R. 11473 (94th Congress) or similar legislation, available to assist refugees from Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos in the United States.

This proposal would allow the use of previously appropriated funds to assist refugees from Laos, in addition to refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam whose assistance is presently allowed by Public Law 94-24.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PAYMENT TO CONDITIONAL GIFT FUND, GENERAL

For payment to the Conditional Gift Fund, General, as authorized by Public Law 94-141, for the purpose of furnishing or refurnishing the diplomatic reception rooms of the Department of State, not to exceed \$125,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That payment shall be made upon the deposit of an equivalent amount in the general fund of the Treasury pursuant to the bequest made by the late Ambassador Walter Thurston to the United States.

This supplemental appropriation will allow an amount equal to the bequest of Ambassador Thurston to be used as intended by section 103 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1976.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND CONTINGENCIES

For an additional amount for "International conferences and contingencies", \$1,325,000, to remain available until December 31, 1976, and of which not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for representation allowances as authorized by section 901 of the act of August 13, 1946, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1131) and for official entertainment.

This supplemental appropriation is required to support United States participation in the Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC) and its associated commissions in Paris. The Conference is expected to end in December 1976.

OTHER

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM

The amount provided under this head in Public Law 94-24 (89 Stat. 89) of May 23, 1975, shall be, upon enactment into law of H.R. 11473 (94th Congress) or similar legislation, available for the relocation and resettlement of refugees from Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos.

This proposal would allow the use of previously appropriated funds to relocate and resettle refugees from Laos, in addition to refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam for whom provision was made in Public Law 94-24.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 budget request	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
363	Special assistance to refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam in the United States	\$50,000,000		\$50,000,000
	(In this heading and in the ap- propriation language under this heading delete "Cambodia and Vietnam" and insert in lieu thereof			

"Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos".)