

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives .

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Department of the Interior and the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter supplemental appropriations and amendments to 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. New budget authority requests total \$6,375,000 for fiscal year 1976, \$1,100,000 for the transition quarter, and \$12,664,000 for fiscal year 1977. Also requested is \$10,000,000 in liquidation of contract authority for fiscal year 1976.

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

Respectfully,

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 8, 1976

The President

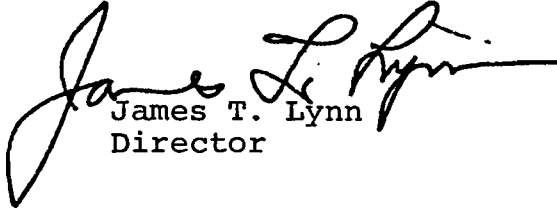
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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, for the Department of the Interior and the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter and amendments to 1977 appropriations requests in the 1977 budget. New budget authority requests total \$6,375,000 for fiscal year 1976, \$1,100,000 for the transition quarter, and \$12,664,000 for fiscal year 1977. An additional \$10,000,000 is requested for liquidation of contract authority in fiscal year 1976. The details of these requests are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

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

Respectfully,


James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosures

(Proposed 1976 and transition
quarter supplementals:)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Operation of the National Park System

For an additional amount for "Operation of the national park system", \$3,875,000.

For an additional amount for "Operation of the national park system" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$875,000.

These funds will be used to make lease payments associated with the National Visitor Center, to increase patrols by the U.S. Park Police in the area of Washington, D.C. between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial for the protection of Bicentennial visitors, and to cover the cost of forest fire suppression and rehabilitation of burned areas in national parks.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Surveys, Investigations, and Research

For an additional amount for "Surveys, investigations, and research", \$900,000.

For an additional amount for "Surveys, investigations, and research" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$225,000.

These funds are needed to pay increased utilities overtime charges by the General Services Administration for the National Center Complex in Reston, Virginia

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Operation of Indian Programs

For an additional amount for "Operation of Indian programs", \$1,600,000.

These funds will be used to provide grants to certain Alaska native villages as required by section 14 of Public Law 94-204, enacted January 2, 1976.

Road Construction (Liquidation of Contract Authority)

For an additional amount for liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority contained in title 23, United States Code, section 203, as amended by the Federal-Aid Highway Amendments of 1974, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

These funds will be used to improve the highway facilities serving the eastern portion of the Navajo Indian Reservation, in order to facilitate natural resource development in that area.

(Proposed 1977 Budget amendments:)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
480	Road construction	\$27,205,000	\$10,000,000	\$37,205,000

This proposed amendment replaces unobligated balances planned in the 1977 budget for use in 1977, but now requested elsewhere in this document for use in 1976. Consequently, these additional 1977 funds are needed to permit continuation of the 1977 program level proposed for this program.

OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
485	Administration of territories	\$21,862,000	\$2,184,000	\$24,046,000

This proposed amendment will provide funds for road construction in American Samoa.

OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

JOINT FEDERAL-STATE LAND USE PLANNING
COMMISSION FOR ALASKA

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
787	Salaries and expenses	\$60,000	\$480,000	\$540,000

This amendment will enable the Commission to operate for the entire fiscal year 1977 as provided in Public Law 94-204, enacted January 2, 1976. The Alaska State Government will continue to meet one-half of the expenses of this commission as provided by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended.