

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1976

The President  
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1976. The amendment is in the amount of \$5,985,000 for the Department of Agriculture.

The details of this proposal 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,

*Gerald R. Ford*

Enclosure

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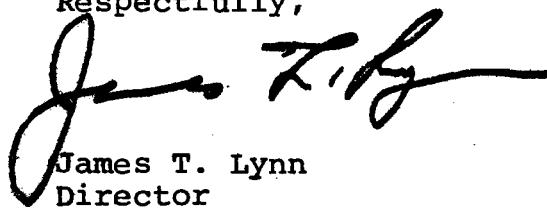
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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed amendment to the request for supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$5,985,000 for the Department of Agriculture. The details of this proposal 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, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,



James T. Lynn  
Director

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1977 budget appendix page	Heading	1976 supplemental request pending	1976 proposed amendment	1976 revised request
868	Agricultural Research Service	\$8,350,000	\$5,985,000	\$14,335,000

(In the paragraph under this heading delete "\$8,350,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following)

\$14,335,000, of which \$5,135,000 shall be for the acquisition of lands adjoining the National Arboretum.

This request is necessary to purchase additional land for the National Arboretum in Washington, D. C. The additional property will allow the Arboretum to expand its horticultural, environmental, and educational activities. Some of the requested funds will be used to provide additional facilities for visitors to the Arboretum. Present facilities are not adequate for the estimated 600,000 annual visitors.