

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1976

The Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 in the amount of \$5,545,453 for the Department of State.

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,

*Gerald R. Ford*



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94th Congress, 2nd Session

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

April 26, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration amendments to the requests for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 involving an increase in the amount of \$5,545,453 for the Department of State, as follows:

**ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 budget request	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
531	Salaries and expenses	\$539,800,000	\$2,000,000	\$541,800,000

This proposed amendment would provide for the development of a new passport document and issuance system and for the implementation of an improved passport files storage and retrieval system. These systems are necessary because of the increased workload of the Passport Office.

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 budget request	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
537	Contributions to international organizations	\$274,000,000	\$3,545,453	\$277,545,453

(In the paragraph under this heading delete "\$274,000,000." and

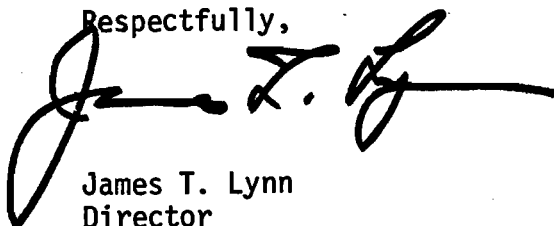
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insert in lieu thereof  
the following:)  
\$277,545,453: Provided,  
That \$3,545,453 of this  
appropriation shall be  
available only upon  
enactment of authorizing  
legislation.

This proposed amendment would enable the United States to pay assessment arrearages for 1974 to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to maintain voting privileges during the October 1976 General Conference of that organization.

I have carefully reviewed these budget requests and I 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