

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

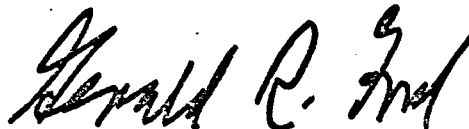
The President  
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Department of Defense--Military, amendments to the 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget in the amount of \$1,174,000,000.

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 prominent "G" and "F".

Enclosure



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

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The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, for the Department of Defense--Military, proposed amendments to 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget in the amount of \$1,174,000,000. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Lynn".

James T. Lynn  
Director

Enclosure

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE--MILITARY

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
	PROCUREMENT			
255	Shipbuilding and conversion, Navy	\$6,289,500,000	\$974,000,000	\$7,263,500,000
	RESEARCH, DEVELOP- MENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION			
265	Research, develop- ment, test, and evaluation, Navy	\$3,855,200,000	\$200,000,000	\$4,055,200,000

These proposed amendments will provide for advance procurement of nuclear components for an additional nuclear powered aircraft carrier, four additional guided missile frigates, and an additional fleet oiler. They will also fund accelerated development of vertical/short takeoff and landing aircraft, and other weaponry leading to future alternatives to large deck aircraft carriers.