

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1976

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 in the amount of \$268,316,000, for the Veterans Administration.

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,



Enclosure

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration an amendment to the appropriations requested in the budget for fiscal year 1977, involving an increase in the amount of \$268,316,000 for the Veterans Administration, as follows:

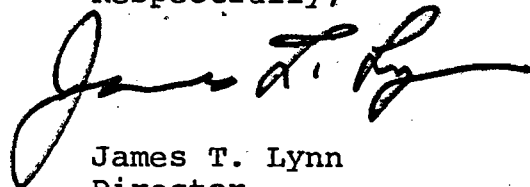
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1977 Request Pending	1977 Proposed Amendment	1977 Revised Request
678	Construction, major projects	\$117,531,000	\$268,316,000	\$385,847,000

This request is necessary to provide funding for the design of eight and construction of two Veterans Administration hospital complexes. These complexes will upgrade Veterans Administration hospital care and improve nursing home and domiciliary facilities at Richmond, Virginia; Bay Pines, Florida; Martinsburg, West Virginia; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Little Rock, Arkansas; Baltimore, Maryland; and Camden, New Jersey.

I have carefully reviewed this amendment and I 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