

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 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 \$55,750,000 for foreign assistance.

The details of this proposal 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 cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford".



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 an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 involving an increase in the amount of \$55,750,000 for foreign assistance, as follows:

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 budget request	Previous amendment H.Doc. 94-477	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
83	International organizations and programs	\$177,650,000	\$1,000,000	\$55,750,000	\$234,400,000

This proposed amendment would provide an additional \$40,000,000 United States voluntary contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for calendar years 1976 and 1977 to help alleviate the Agency's critical financial situation. This is a result of sharply increased costs in providing essential food, health and education services for more than one and one-half million Palestine refugees. Other governments are also being requested to increase their contributions for 1976 and 1977.

The amendment would also provide \$15,750,000 for a United States grant contribution to the Indus Basin Development Fund to complete a pledge made under a multi-donor agreement.

I have carefully reviewed this budget request and I am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

Paul H. O'Neill  
Acting Director