THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1976

The President

of the Senate

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 \$23,430,000 for the Department of the Interior.

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 yours,

Geral R. Fred



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

. June 25, 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 of \$23,430,000 for the Department of the Interior. The details of these requests are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these 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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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490 Departmental operations 12,695,000

1,730,000

14,425,000

This proposed amendment will provide funds for the Office of Minerals Policy Research and Development to conduct the study required pursuant to Section 105(b)(1) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976. The study will encompass economic, geologic, petroleum, pipeline, market, environmental and public policy considerations.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

462 Surveys, investigations and research

\$284,308,000

\$11,850,000

\$1,700,000

\$297,858,000

This proposed amendment will provide funds for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to accompany proposed legislation which must be developed pursuant to Section 105(b)(l) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-258, signed April 5, 1976).

OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS

485 Administration of Territories

21,862,000

2,184,000

20,000,000

44,046,000

(Delete the period at the end of the paragraph under this heading and insert in lieu thereof;

Provided further,

That in addition to the amounts

provided above, there is appropriated

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for emergency grants to the Government of Guam, \$20,000,000, which amount shall be available immediately upon enactment of this act and shall remain available until expended, to assist in providing the necessary governmental services jeopardized, and repairing public facilities damaged, as a result of Typhoon Pamela; Provided further, That such emergency grants shall be made in accordance with such stipulations as the Secretary of the Interior may deem appropriate.)

This proposed amendment will provide funds to replace losses of tax and other revenues and to pay for certain emergency expenditures incurred by the Government of Guam as direct results of Typhoon Pamela which struck the island on May 22, 1976.