

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1976

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider a proposed amendment to the 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget for the Department of Defense-Military. New budget authority is requested in the amount of \$39,300,000.

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 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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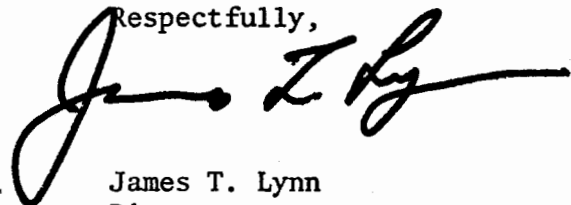
I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed amendment to the appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. The amendment involves an increase of \$39,300,000 for the Department of Defense-Military, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - MILITARY

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
MILITARY PERSONNEL				
231	Military personnel, Army	\$8,642,866,000	\$39,300,000	\$8,682,166,000

The proposed amendment is required because the number of high school graduates enlisting in the Army has been declining below the level anticipated in the budget. The amendment will provide additional funds for enlistment bonuses to attract a greater number of high school graduates.

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

Respectfully,

 James T. Lynn
 Director