

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE  
(in thousands of dollars)

Deferral #	Item	Budget Authority
	Health, Education, and Welfare: Social Security Administration	
D76-54B	Limitation on construction.....	26,210

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SUMMARY OF SPECIAL MESSAGES  
FOR FY 1976 AND THE TRANSITION QUARTER  
(amounts in thousands of dollars)

	<u>Rescissions</u>	<u>Deferrals</u>
Twenty-first special message:		
New items.....	---	---
Changes to amounts previously submitted.....	---	11,112
Effect of the twenty-first special message.....	---	---
Previous special messages.....	3,582,064	8,335,296
Adjustments to eliminate double counting.....	---	-242,023
Total amount proposed in special messages.....	3,582,064 (in 50 rescission proposals)	8,104,385 (in 117 deferrals)

NOTE: All amounts listed represent budget authority except for \$114,828,220 consisting of two general revenue sharing deferrals (of outlays only). Supplementary reports for these deferrals (D76-25F and D76-67A) are included in the seventeenth special message.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Report Pursuant to Sec. 1014(c) of P.L. 93-344

This report revises Deferral No. 76-54A transmitted to the Congress on March 18, 1976, and printed as House Document No. 94-410.

This revision reflects a net increase of \$11,112,173 in the amount deferred through September 30, 1976, for the Social Security Administration's Limitation on construction account. The deferral was decreased by \$2,430,450 (this amount was made available for obligation in the transition quarter) and subsequently increased by \$13,542,623. The increase of \$13,542,623 reflects a delay in FY 1976 obligations in many construction projects, primarily in the District Office construction program which is presently undergoing a reevaluation. This delay resulted in a larger carry-over of unobligated balances from FY 1976 into the transition quarter than previously estimated. The total amount deferred is now \$26,210,304.

Deferral No: D76-54B

**DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	New budget authority (P.L. <u>94-206</u> )	\$ <u>9,933,000*</u>
Bureau Social Security Administration	* Other budgetary resources	<u>34,172,131*</u>
Appropriation title & symbol Limitation on Construction 75X8705	Total budgetary resources (FY 76 & TQ)	<u>44,105,131*</u> <u>1/</u>
	Amount to be deferred: Part of transition quarter \$ _____	
	Entire transition quarter	<u>26,210,304*</u>
OMB identification code: 09-60-8006-0-7-601	/Legal authority (in addition to sec. 1013): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antideficiency Act	
Grant program <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Type of account or fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-year _____ (expiration date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-year	Type of budget authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Contract authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

\*Justification

Funds provided under the Limitation on construction of the Social Security Administration (SSA) remain available until expended in recognition of the long lead time between the provision of funds and their use in carrying out authorized construction projects. A total of \$26,210,304 is to be deferred through September 30, 1976. The amounts involved fall into three general categories, discussed below.

Headquarters Projects

	(Amount Deferred)
West Building.....	\$ 71,021
Land Purchase/Colonial Park.....	404,895
Access Road.....	963,081
Additional Facilities.....	2,158,945
Total, Headquarters.....	<u>\$3,597,942</u>

1/ Of this amount the budgetary resources available in the transition quarter equal \$32,829,473. These resources include \$3,633,000 in new (TQ) budget authority and \$29,196,473 in unobligated balances.

\* revised from previous report.

- A) West Building - Although the West Building in Woodlawn is now occupied, minor changes and landscaping remain to be completed. The deferred funds are planned for obligation in FY 1977 for that purpose.
- B) Land Purchase - Additional land is expected to be purchased in FY 1977 as it becomes available. SSA has made a commitment to purchase any property in the Colonial Park Estates if the owner desires to sell. This commitment is an important part of our relationship to the public in the area regarding headquarters expansion and operations.
- C) Access Road - The access road to I-70 has been delayed due to an unanticipated gas line relocation and difficulties in reaching final agreement with the Maryland State Highway Administration over division of costs. Negotiations are underway to resolve these problems and completion of the project is scheduled for FY 1977.
- D) Additional Facilities - Ground has been broken for the two new buildings, one in downtown Baltimore and one at the Woodlawn complex. Although these buildings will be financed by purchase contract payments, SSA must pay the General Services Administration (GSA) for project management, review and inspection costs. Normally these costs would be paid from the Federal Buildings Fund. However, since Congress has directed that SSA pay only actual costs, SSA does not contribute to the Federal Buildings Fund and, therefore, must reimburse GSA for these costs. The funds deferred will be used to pay these costs through completion of the buildings in 1979.

#### District Office Projects

A balance of \$21,946,127 remains from funds appropriated since 1965 for district office construction projects. The construction program has been in a period of reevaluation since the offices constructed with funds appropriated prior to 1968 were started. New starts have lagged in recent years because the new Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program changed the workload patterns and introduced a greater element of uncertainty in planning for district office construction. Further, due to rapid expansion of field office facilities to meet the immediate needs of the SSI program, SSA had to acquire space quickly through lease rather than wait for the longer time frame required for construction.

SSA now plans to resume the district office construction program, starting 10 new offices in FY 1977 and 5 more in FY 1978. In addition, major expansion is planned for 26 district offices to enable them to adequately meet future needs. The money deferred will be used to fund these projects.

Program Service Centers

The Great Lakes Program Service Center is now scheduled for completion in FY 1977. The \$666,235 being deferred will be used to pay GSA's project management costs for completion of the project. Normally these costs would be covered by the Federal Buildings Fund, but since SSA does not contribute to the Federal Buildings Fund through Standard Level User Charge payments, we must reimburse GSA for these costs.

\*Estimated Effects

There are no estimated effects from the proposed deferral. No currently planned construction would be delayed by this deferral. SSA's construction program will be carried out in a timely fashion to provide well-designed, adequate facilities.

\*Outlay Effects (estimated in millions of dollars)

Comparison with President's 1977 Budget:

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| 1. Budget outlay estimate for the transition quarter.....              | \$10.6 |
| 2. Outlay savings, if any, included in the budget outlay estimate..... | 0      |

Current outlay estimates for the transition quarter:

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| 3. Without deferral.....                       | 16.7        |
| 4. With deferral.....                          | <u>16.7</u> |
| 5. Current Outlay Savings (line 3-line 4)..... | 0           |
| Outlay savings for 1977.....                   | 0           |
| Outlay savings for 1978.....                   | 0           |

\*revised from previous report.