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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 16609 which provides supplemental appropriation authorizations for AEC for fiscal year 1975 for operating expenses and plant and capital equipment.

H.R. 16609 amends P.L. 93-276, AEC's fiscal year 1975 authorization bill, to

- -- increase the authorization for operating expenses by \$29.2 million, and
- -- increase the authorization for plant and capital equipment by \$16.05 million.

The following table shows a comparison of AEC's request, the authorizations provided in H.R. 16609, and the amounts appropriated in H.R. 16900:

	Request	H.R. 16609	H.R. 16900
Weapons program Safeguards program	\$55,000,000 18,000,000	\$22,250,000 23,000,000	\$22,250,000 12,400,000
TOTAL	\$73,000,000	\$45,250,000	\$34,650,000