

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1975

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for supplemental appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 which reduces the request from \$9,821,000 to \$6,725,000 for the Bureau of Reclamation.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

Gerald R. Ford

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The President

The White House

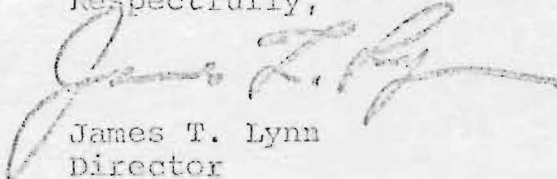
Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed amendment to the request for supplemental appropriations transmitted in the budget for fiscal year 1976, which reduces the request from \$9,821,000 to \$6,725,000 for the Bureau of Reclamation's operation and maintenance account.

The reduction proposed by this amendment is possible because of a combination of favorable weather and water conditions at the Bureau's hydroelectric projects in the Missouri River Basin and an unexpected reduction in the costs that the Bureau must pay to buy power from the Centralia Thermal Powerplant in Washington. The details of this proposal are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

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

Respectfully,



James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosure

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

1975 Budget Appendix Pages	Heading	1975 Supplemental Request, Parting	1975 Proposed Amendment	1975 Revised Request
527 and 1034	<u>Bureau of Reclamation</u> Operation and main- tenance	\$9,821,000	-\$3,096,000	\$6,725,000