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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

In accordance with the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I report two new deferrals. One of the deferrals in the Department of the Interior postpones obligation of \$688,430 for design of a Bureau of Mines research center. The other deferral sets aside \$500,000 to begin accruing an American Revolution Bicentennial Administration scholarship escrow fund.

The details of the deferrals are contained in the attached reports.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
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Contents of Special Message

(In thousands of dollars)

Defer- ral #	Item	Budget Authority
	Interior:	
	Bureau of Mines	
D76-110	Mines and minerals.....	688
	Other Independent Agencies:	
D76-111	American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.....	500
	Total.....	1,188

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Summary of Special Messages for FY 1976

(Amounts in thousands of dollars)

	<u>Rescissions</u>	<u>Deferrals</u>
Fifteenth special message:		
New items.....	---	1,188
Changes to amounts previously submitted.....	---	---
Effect of the fifteenth special message.....	---	1,188
Previous special messages.....	3,328,714	9,016,149
Adjustments to eliminate double counting.....	---	-242,023
Total amount proposed in special messages.....	3,328,714 (in 44 re- scission proposals)	8,775,314 (in 111 de- ferrals)

NOTE: All amounts listed represent budget authority except for \$125,565,331 consisting of two general revenue sharing deferrals (of outlays only). A supplementary report (D76-25E) was included in the fourteenth special message for one of these deferrals. The other deferral (D76-67) was reported in the seventh 1976 special message.

Deferral No: D76-110

DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency <u>Department of the Interior</u>	New budget authority <u>\$ 96,610,000</u> (P.L. <u>94-165</u>)
Bureau <u>Bureau of Mines</u>	Other budgetary resources <u>8,596,675</u>
Appropriation title & symbol <u>Mines and Minerals 14X0959</u>	Total budgetary resources <u>105,206,675</u>
	Amount to be deferred:
	Part of year <u>\$ -</u>
	Entire year <u>688,430</u>
OMB identification code: <u>10-32-0959-0-1-300</u>	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	Type of budget authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-year _____ (expiration date)	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-year	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Justification

This action defers the obligation of \$688,430 for designing a replacement facility for the Salt Lake City (Utah) Metallurgy Research Center. The replacement facility was authorized by Public Law 92-287. The deferred amount was appropriated in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1975 (Public Law 93-404). These funds are proposed for deferral through September 30, 1976.

The funds are being deferred because:

- The estimated cost for architectural designs and construction of this facility is significantly greater than the authorization ceiling. The estimated cost is \$11.5 million while the authorization ceiling is \$6 million.
- The Department will try to find an alternative way to replace the current facility that will result in lower overall costs for Fiscal Years 1978 and 1979, since there are uncertainties about the level of budgetary resources that will be made available to the Department for these fiscal years. The Department wants to avoid creating a situation where it might have to choose either not to replace the existing facility due to lack of construction funds, or to pay for the construction by diverting funds from other, ongoing programs.

- Some local groups argued in preliminary "environmental impact" hearings that the height of the proposed facility will obstruct the scenic view from the "This Is the Place" Monument where Brigham Young first viewed the valley of the Great Salt Lake. It would be premature to award a contract for designing the proposed facility until after all interested local groups present their views in final hearings to be held at a later date during the upcoming summer.

The Department will seek to find alternative locations that will be suitable for a replacement facility in the Salt Lake City area. This deferral is made under provisions of both the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 665) and the Impoundment Control Act (31 U.S.C. 1403).

Estimated Effects

The contract for architectural plans will be delayed. During the delay, discussion will continue with the local groups that have expressed concern about the facility, the final "environmental impact" hearings will be held, and the Department will investigate other alternatives. If an alternative is subsequently proposed, then the \$688,430 will not have been spent on unusable plans and the funds can be re-directed in the future to support the alternative proposal.

Outlay Effect (estimated in millions of dollars)

Comparison with President's 1977 Budget:

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| 1. Budget outlay estimate for 1976 | 58.9 |
| 2. Outlay savings, if any, included in the budget outlay estimate | 0 |

Current Outlay Estimates for 1976:

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| 3. Without deferral | 58.3 |
| 4. With deferral | 58.3 |
| 5. Current outlay savings (line 3 - line 4) | 0 |
| Outlay savings for the Transition Quarter | .1 |
| Outlay savings for 1977 | .6 |
| Outlay savings for 1978 | -.7 |

Deferral No: D76-111

DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344

Agency <u>American Revolution Bicentennial Administration</u>	New budget authority <u>\$ 19,468,000</u> (P.L. <u>93-179</u>)
Bureau <u>c/o Department of the Interior</u> Office of the Secretary	Other budgetary resources <u>3,734,117</u>
Appropriation title & symbol <u>Commemorative activities fund</u> <u>76X5077</u>	Total budgetary resources <u>23,202,117</u>
	Amount to be deferred: <u>1/</u> <u>---</u>
	Part of year \$ <u>---</u>
	Entire year <u>500,000</u>
CMB identification code: <u>31-03-5077-0-2-806</u>	Legal authority (in addition to sec. 1013): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antideficiency Act
Grant program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>---</u>
Type of account or fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-year <u>---</u> (expiration date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-year	Type of budget authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Contract authority Permanent, Indefinite, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Special Fund</u>

Justification

Funds are being deferred in order to start accruing a fund of \$2.5 million to endow a scholarship program for which plans are being initiated by ARBA. Subsequent apportionments in the transition quarter and fiscal year 1977 will add amounts to the fund as they become available from the sale and licensing of commemorative items, which produce the revenues for this account. This accrual process will ensure that other ARBA programs are not reduced while a Scholarship Escrow Fund is being accumulated. This Scholarship Escrow Fund will not be available for obligation until the scholarship program has been formally established and terms of the program's endowment and operation have been determined which is not expected to happen until after September 30, 1976. Funds will be eventually transferred to the State Department from ARBA for the management of the program since it will involve international studies and will continue after ARBA is terminated. The deferral represents routine financial management and is planned to extend through the transition quarter.

Estimated Effects

None; this amount will be fully available for obligation for the scholarship program, or for other program purposes should the scholarship program not be established by ARBA.

1/ This account was subject to another deferral (D76-27). The funds deferred by D76-27 were available for obligation on April 27, 1976.

Outlay Effect

Comparison with the President's 1977 Budget:

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| 1. Budget outlay estimate for 1976..... | 11.0 |
| 2. Outlay savings, if any, included in the
budget outlay estimate..... | 1.0 <u>1/</u> |

Current Outlay Estimates for 1976:

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| 3. Without deferral..... | 15.0 |
| 4. With deferral..... | 14.5 |
| 5. Current outlays savings..... | .5 |

Outlay savings for the transition quarter.....	---
Outlay savings for 1977.....	-.5
Outlay savings for 1978.....	---

1/ This amount relates to the deferral, D76-27, that was recently terminated.