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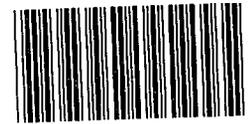
To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

On July 24, 1979, the [President's tenth special message for fiscal year 1979] was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The special message proposed the deferral (D79-58) of \$6.2 million in budget authority made available to the Federal Prison System of the Department of Justice. *AGC00037*

The special message states that these funds are proposed for deferral until a final executive branch decision is made regarding the need for constructing a Metropolitan Correctional Center in Detroit, Michigan. We have confirmed that the amount of funds deferred represents the estimated obligation for the Detroit project for this fiscal year minus some \$300,000 which the General Services Administration has already spent on the purchase of the land for the facility.

Based upon our review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the proposed impoundment, we conclude that the information in the special message has been clearly and accurately stated.

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