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

On April 25, 1986, the President's sixth special message for fiscal year 1986 was submitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The President proposed three rescissions, as follows, affecting budget authority made available to the Department of Defense for military procurement:

R86-81 - Procurement of weapons and tracked combat vehicles, Army \$34,400,000

R86-82 - Shipbuilding and conversion,
Navy \$40,100,000

R86-83 - Other procurement, Air Force \$40,000,000

We have reviewed these rescission proposals. The enclosure provides all information we identified which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of these proposals. The 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end on June 21, 1986.

Comptroller General of the United States

Enclosure

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B-220532 ENCLOSURE

COMMENTS ON THE SIXTH SPECIAL MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - MILITARY

R86-81

Procurement of weapons and tracked combat vehicles, Army Proposed for rescission: \$34,400,000 214/62033

According to an official of the Department of Defense (DOD), the legislative language of this rescission proposal refers, incorrectly, to Public Law 98-473. The funds proposed for rescission were appropriated in 1984 by Public Law 98-212, not by Public Law 98-473, DOD's fiscal year 1985 appropriations act. Accordingly, the proposed legislation should read as follows: "Of the funds made available under this head in Public Law 98-212, \$34,400,000 are rescinded."

R86-82

Shipbuilding and conversion, Navy Proposed for rescission: \$40,100,000 174/81611

DOD officials told us that the funds proposed for rescission were appropriated in 1984 by Public Law 98-212, not by Public Law 98-473. Accordingly, the proposed language of the rescission proposal should read as follows: "Of the funds made available under this head in Public Law 98-212, \$40,100,000 are rescinded."