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

In order to keep the Congress apprised of the amount and frequency of rescissions proposed and enacted we have updated our previous compilation of historical information and statistics regarding rescissions proposed by the executive branch and rescissions enacted by the Congress through the close of the fiscal year. These statistics were prepared in accordance with the same scope and methodology used in compiling our previous tables.

I trust you will find this information useful.

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**Enclosures** 

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AND ENACTED RESCISSIONS FISCAL YEARS 1974 - 1995

(All legislative action through October 1, 1995)

Fiscal	Reaclasions proposed	Dollar amount proposed by president for resolution	Proposals accepted by Congress	Dollar amount of proposals anacted by Congress	Resclasions initiated by Congress	Dollar amount of rescissions initiated by Congress	Total rescissions enacted	Total dollar amount of budget authority rescinded
1984	Wasseld to	636.400,000	3	55,375,000		2,188,689,000	10	2,244,064,000
1983	21	1,589,000,000	٥	0	11	310,605,000	11	310,605,000
1982	32	7,907,400,000	5	4,365,486,000	2	48,432,000	10	4,413,918,000
1981	133	15,361,900,000	101	10,880,935,550	43	3,736,490,600	144	14,617,426,150
1980	59	1,618,100,000	34	777,696,446	33	\$,238,206,100	67	4,015,902,546
1979	=	908,700,000	0	723,609,000		47,500,000	10	000,601,177
1978	12	1,290,100,000	. 2	518,655,000	4	67,164,000	6	585,819,000
1977	20	1,926,930,000	6	813,690,000	6	172,722,843	12	986,412,943
1976	20	3,582,000,000	7	148,331,000	0	0	7	148,331,000
1975	B7	2,722,000,000	38	386,295,370	-	4,999,704	38	391,295,074
1974	. 2	495,635,000	0	0	9	1,400,412,000	9	1,400,412,000
Subtotal: 1974- 1984	436	\$38,018,165,000	211	\$18,670,073,368	111	\$11,215,221,347	322	\$29,885,294,713*

1 Thirty-three rescissions proposed by President Carter and totalling over \$1.1 billion are not included in this table. These rescission proposals were converted to deferrate by President Reagen in his Fifth Special Message for Fiscal Year 1981 dated February 13, 1981.

<sup>2</sup> The total estimate of budget authority rescinded is understated. This table does not include rescissions which eliminate an indelinite amount of budget authority.

### **ENCLOSURE 1**

			<b>5</b>	SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AND ENACTED RESCISSIONS FISCAL YEARS 1974 - 1995 (Continued) (All legislative action through October 1, 1995)	IACTED RESCISSIONS 4 - 1995 October 1, 1995)			
Fiscal	Rescissions proposed by president	Dollar amount proposed by president for recission	Proposals accepted by Congress	Dollar amount of proposats enacted by Congress	Rescissions initiated by Congress	Dollar amount of readistions Initiated by Congress	Total rescissions enacled	Total dollar amount of budget authority readinded
1995	29	\$1,199,824,000	25	\$845,388,805	248	\$18,868,380,121	273	\$19,713,768,928
1994	65	\$3,172,180,000	45	\$1,293,478,546	81	\$2,374,416,284	126	\$3,667,894,830
1993	7	\$356,000,000	4	\$206,250,000	7.4	\$2,205,336,643	82	\$2,411,586,643
1992	128	7,879,473,690	26	2,067,546,000	131	22,526,953,054	157	24,594,499,054
1991	30	4,859,251,000	8	286,419,000	26	1,420,467,000	34 3	1,708,886,000
1990	=	554,258,000	0	0	u	2,304,986,000	71	2,304,988,000
1989	9	143,100,000	-	2,053,000	11	325,913,000	12	327,966,000
1988	0	0	0	0	19	000'699'868'6	61	3,888,683,000
1987	73	5,835,800,000	2	30,000,86	25	12,359,390,675	54	12,395,390,675
1986	83	10,128,900,000	+	143,210,000		5,409,410,000	11	5,552,620,000
1985	245	1,856,087,000	98	173,699,000	12	5,458,621,000	110	5,632,320,000
Subtotal: 1985- 1995	677	\$35,982,873,590	213	\$5,054,044,351	<b>7</b> 11	\$77,142,536,777	186	\$82,196,581,1284
Subtotal: 1974- 1984	436	\$38,018,165,000	211	\$16,670,073,368	111	\$11,215,221,347	322	\$29,885,294,713*
Grand Total: 1974- 1995	1,113	\$74,001,038,680	424	\$23,724,117,717	865	\$68,357,758,124	1,309	\$112,081,875,841

3 The Mildary Construction Appropriations Act of 1991 approved certain rescissions proposed by the President in 1990 41 days after the funds were released for obligation under the Impoundment Conirol Act Presidential rescission proposals R90-4, R90-5, and R90-10 totalling about \$41 million were not approved.

<sup>4</sup> The total estimate of budget authority rescinded is understated. This table does not include rescissions which eliminate an indefinite amount of budget authority.

# RESCISSIONS BY PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT

	Rescis:	Rescissions proposed by President Clinton	Presiden	Presidential proposals accepted by Congress	ongress	Rescission During	Rescissions Initiated by Congress During Clinton Administration
Fiscal Year	Number	Dollar Amount	Number Accepted	Dollar Amount	Percent Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1995	29	\$1,199,824,000	25	\$845,388,805	98	248	\$18,868,380,121
1994	65	\$3,172,180,000	45	\$1,293,478,546	69	81	\$2,374,416,284
1993	7	\$356,000,000	4.	\$206,250,000	57	99	\$1,962,511,000
TOTAL	101	4,728,004,000	74	2,345,117,351	75	395	23,205,307,405

	Rescissions	sions proposed by				Rescissio	Rescissions Initiated by Congress
	ā.	President Bush	Presiden	Presidential proposals accepted by Congress	Songress	During	During Bush Administration
			Number		Percent		
Number	per	Dollar Amount	Accepted	Dollar Amount	Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
0		0\$	0	0\$	0	8	\$242,825,643
128	8	7,879,473,690	56	2,067,546,000	20	131	22,526,953,054
30		4,859,251,000	8	. 286,419,000	22	56	1,420,467,000
=		554,258,000	0		0	1.2	2,304,986,000
0		0	0	-	0	11	325,913,000
169	6	\$13,292,982,690	34	\$2,353,965,000	20	247	\$ 26,821,144,697

Fiscal Year         Number Accepted by Congress         Percent Amount Accepted by Congress         Percent Amount Accepted by Congress         Percent Amount Accepted by Congress         During Reagan Administration           Year         Number Statistion, Number Accepted By Congress         Number Accepted By Congress         Number Accepted By Congress         Number By Bollar Amount By Congress         Number By Bollar Amount By By Bollar Amount By Bollar Amount By Bollar Amount By Bollar		Resci	Rescissions proposed by				Rescissi	Rescissions Initiated by Congress
Number         Number         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Dollar Amount           6         \$143,100,000         1         \$\$2,053,000         17         0         12,359,390,6           73         \$5,835,800,000         2         36,000,000         5         7         5,409,410,0           83         \$10,126,900,000         4         \$143,210,000         5         7         \$5,409,410,0           94         \$636,400,000         98         \$173,699,000         \$0         \$12         \$5,458,621,0           21         \$9         \$636,400,000         0         \$636,400,000         \$0         \$1         \$1,658,080,00           32         \$1,569,000,000         0         \$4,365,486,000         \$0         \$1         \$1         \$1,668,080,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1,969,000,00         \$1         \$1         \$1		Pr	esident Reagan	Presiden	tial proposals accepted by C	ongress	During	Reagan Administration
Number         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Dollar Amount         Accepted         Number         Dollar Amount           6         \$143,100,000         1         \$2,053,000         17         0         3,888,663,00           73         5,835,800,000         2         36,000,000         3         52         12,359,390,6           83         10,126,900,000         4         143,210,000         5         7         5,409,410,0           9         636,400,000         98         173,699,000         40         12         5,458,621,0           9         636,400,000         0         65,375,000         3         7         2,188,689,0           32         7         4,365,486,000         0         11         310,605,0           32         7         48,432,0         48,432,0           32         7         48,432,0           32         7         48,432,0           32         7         48,432,0           32         7         48,432,0           33         15,361,900,000         5         4,365,486,000         6         7         48,432,0           43         15,361,900,000	Fiscal			Number		Percent		
6         \$143,100,000         1         \$2,053,000         17         0           73         5,835,800,000         2         36,000,000         5         7         5,409,410,0           83         10,126,900,000         4         143,210,000         5         7         5,409,410,0           245         1,856,087,000         98         173,699,000         40         12         5,458,621,0           21         1,569,000,000         0         55,375,000         3         7         2,188,689,0           32         7,907,400,000         5         4,365,486,000         16         5         48,432,0           133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43         3,736,490,6           602         \$43,436,587,000         214         \$15,565,758,550         36         198         \$33,400,301,2	Year	Number	Dollar Amount	Accepted	Dollar Amount	Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
0         0         0         0         61         61           73         5,835,600,000         2         36,000,000         5         7         11           83         10,126,900,000         4         143,210,000         5         7         12           245         1,856,087,000         98         173,699,000         40         12         12           21         1,569,000,000         0         5         4,365,486,000         11         11           32         7,907,400,000         5         4,365,486,000         16         5         11           133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43         5           602         \$43,436,587,000         214         \$15,656,758,550         36         198         \$3	1989	9	\$143,100,000	1	\$2,053,000	17	0	0\$
73         5,835,800,000         2         36,000,000         3         52         1           83         10,126,900,000         4         143,210,000         5         7         7           245         1,856,087,000         98         173,699,000         40         12         7           21         63         55,375,000         33         7         11           21         1,569,000,000         0         11         11           32         7,907,400,000         5         4,365,486,000         16         5           133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43           133         15,381,000         214         \$15,656,758,550         76         43	1988	0	0	0	0	0	61	3,888,663,000
83         10,126,900,000         4         143,210,000         5         7           245         1,856,087,000         98         173,699,000         40         12           9         636,400,000         3         55,375,000         33         7           21         1,569,000,000         0         0         11         11           32         7,907,400,000         5         4,365,486,000         16         5         11           133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43         83           602         \$43,436,587,000         214         \$15,656,758,550         36         198         \$3	1987	73	2,835,800,000	8	36,000,000	3	52	12,359,390,675
245         1,856,087,000         98         173,699,000         40         12           9         636,400,000         3         55,375,000         33         7         7           21         1,569,000,000         0         0         11	1986	83	10,126,900,000	4	143,210,000	5	7	5,409,410,000
9         636,400,000         3         55,375,000         33         7         7           21         1,569,000,000         0         0         11	1985	245	1,856,087,000	86	173,699,000	40	12	5,458,621,000
21         1,569,000,000         0         0         11           32         7,907,400,000         5         4,365,486,000         16         5           133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43           602         \$43,436,587,000         214         \$15,656,758,550         36         198	1984	6	636,400,000	3	55,375,000	33	7	2,188,689,000
32         7,907,400,000         5         4,365,486,000         16         5           133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43           602         \$43,436,587,000         214         \$15,656,758,550         36         198	1983	21	1,569,000,000	0	0	0	11	310,605,000
133         15,361,900,000         101         10,880,935,550         76         43           602         \$43,436,587,000         214         \$15,656,758,550         36         198	1982	32	7,907,400,000	5	4,365,486,000	16	2	48,432,000
. 602 \$43,436,587,000 214 \$15,656,758,550 36 198	1981	133	15,361,900,000	101	10,880,935,550	92	43	3,736,490,600
	TOTAL	602	\$43,436,587,000	214	\$15,656,758,550	36	198	\$33,400,301,275

# RESCISSIONS BY PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT (continued)

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Rescissions Initiated by Congress	During the Carlor Administration		Dollar Amount	0\$	3,238,206,100	47,500,000	67,164,000	172,722,943	\$3,525,593,043	
Rescission	During th		Number	0	33	-	4	3	41	o deferrals by ary 13, 1981.
	ongress	Percent	Accepted	0	89	82	42	67	28	rere converted to 81, dated Febru
	Presidential proposals accepted by Congress		Dollar Amount	0\$	777,696,446	723,609,000	518,655,000	000'060'96	\$2,116,050,446	Note: The 33 rescissions proposed in 1981 by President Carler were converted to deferrals by President Reagan in his Fifth Special Message of Fiscal Year 1981, dated February 13, 1981.
	Presiden	Number	Accepted	0	34	6	5	2	50	ins proposed ir his Fifth Specia
Rescissions proposed by President Carter			Dollar Amount	\$1,142,364,000	1,618,100,000	908,700,000	1,290,100,000	791,552,000	\$4,608,452,000	Note: The 33 rescission President Reagan in I
Rescis	Presk		Number	33	59	11	12	7	88	
	i	Fiscal	rear	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	TOTAL	

	Rescissions	ons proposed by				Rescissk	Rescissions Initiated by Congress
i	President For	t Ford	Preside	Presidential proposals accepted by Congress	congress	Durin	During Ford Administration
Fiscal			Number		Percent		
Year	Number	Dollar Amount	Accepted	Dollar Amount	Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1977	13	\$1,135,378,000	2	\$717,600,000	54	0	\$0
1976	50	3,582,000,000	2	148,331,000	14	0	0
1975	87	2,722,000,000	38	386,295,370	44	-	4,999,704
1974	2	495,635,000	0	0	0	3	1,400,412,000
TOTAL	152	\$7,935,013,000	52	\$1,252,226,370	34	4	\$1,405,411,704

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