

Comptroller General of the United States

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

On April 23, 1990, the President submitted to the Congress his fifth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1990. This message reports three proposed rescissions of budget authority. We have reviewed these proposals and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, as amended.

Enclosure I provides specific information on two of the proposals which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of the message. Enclosure II provides a list of the proposals as reported by the President.

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Enclosures

141503

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COMMENTS ON THE FIFTH SPECIAL MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

R90-1

Agricultural Research Service Buildings and Facilities

Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$4,075,000

12X1401

According to the most recent apportionment statement for this account, dated April 19, 1990, total budgetary resources are \$36,190,535 and not \$34,207,417 as reported in the message. The apportionment schedule reflects an additional \$1,983,118 in funds recovered under a satisfaction of judgment for a construction project at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center.1/

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

R90-3

Economic Development Administration
Economic Development Assistance Programs
Amount Proposed for Rescission: \$181,800,000
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According to the most recent apportionment schedule for this account total budgetary resources are \$201,862,000 and not \$189,056,000 as reported in the message. The apportionment schedule estimates that the Economic Development Administration will bring forward \$12,806,000 of unobligated balances.

GAO/OGC-90-8

^{1/} The Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies. Appropriations Act, 1990, Public Law 101-161, 103 Stat. 956 (1989), specifically makes these funds available to augment the Service's prior fiscal year construction appropriation.

CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE

(in thousands of dollars)

	(as reported by the President)	BUDGET
RESCISSION NO.	ПЕМ	AUTHORITY
	Department of Agriculture: Agricultural Research Service	
R90-1	Buildings and facilitiesCooperative State Research Service	4,075
R90-2	Buildings and facilities	41,008
	Department of Commerce:	
	Economic Development Administration	
R90-3	Economic development assistance programs	181,800
	Total, Proposed Rescissions	226,883