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

On April 21, 1983, the President's seventh special message for fiscal year 1983 was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The special message proposes four new deferrals totalling \$31,441,000 and a revision to a previously reported deferral which increases the amount deferred by \$6 million. Our report follows.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

D83-71 National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration
Operations, research and facilities
Amount deferred: \$2,965,000
13X1450

ENERGY ACTIVITIES

D83-72 Energy Programs
Energy supply, research and development
activities (operating expenses)
Amount deferred: \$15,226,000
89X0224

Agency officials advised us that, based on recalculation of the amount provided in this account by Public Law 97-377, the fiscal year 1983 continuing resolution, the amount shown as new budget authority should be reduced by \$5 million to \$2,066,016,000. The deferral will also be reduced by \$5 million to \$10,226 million to reflect the decrease in total budgetary resources available.

D83-73 Energy Programs
Fossil energy research and development
Amount deferred: \$8,750,000
89X0213

As noted in the deferral message, this account is the subject of another deferral of \$5 million (D83-8A, reported in the President's fifth special message for fiscal year 1983, dated February 1, 1983). Accordingly, the total amount deferred in this account is \$13,750,000.

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D83-49A Energy Programs
 Fossil energy construction
 Amount deferred: \$26,000,000
 89X0214

D83-74 Energy Programs
 Energy conservation
 Amount deferred: \$4,500,000
 89X0215

The amount shown on the deferral message as total budgetary resources (\$414,567,747) is incorrect. The correct total is \$564,567,747, which includes \$150,000,000 appropriated to this account in Public Law 98-8, 97 Stat. 13, 27 (March 24, 1983).

We have reviewed the seventh special message. We have identified no additional information that would be useful to the Congress in its consideration of the President's proposals and we believe that the proposed deferrals are in accordance with existing authority.

for *Harry R. Van Cleave*
Comptroller General
of the United States