

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am notifying the Congress of my intent to use funds provided in Public Law 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, for the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the "Commission").

At this time, \$4 million will be transferred from the Emergency Response Fund for the Commission. As provided in Public Law 107-38, these funds will be made available to the Commission immediately.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dennis Hastert". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "H".

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 11, 2004

The President
The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to use funds provided in P.L. 107-38, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, FY 2001, for the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction ("Commission").

On February 6, 2004, you signed an Executive Order creating the Commission to advise you as to whether the intelligence community is sufficiently authorized, organized, equipped, trained, and resourced to permit the United States to respond to the proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction, particularly in light of September 11, 2001, and the ongoing threat of terrorist activities. I recommend using \$4 million from the remaining Emergency Response Fund resources provided in P.L. 107-38 to support the Commission's lease of office space and other startup costs. After the Commission finalizes its total resource requirements, I will recommend to you additional sources of funding.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, no further congressional action would be required for this initial \$4 million, which would be made available for the Commission immediately.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend your approval of the request.

Sincerely,

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Joshua B. Bolten
Director

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**AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO BE TRANSFERRED BY THE
PRESIDENT FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

Executive Office of the President

Office of Administration

Salaries and Expenses.....\$4,000,000

These initial funds would be used by the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction for startup costs, which include the lease of office space, provision of security accommodations, information technology investments, and personnel expenses. The Commission's mission, in order to ensure the most effective counter proliferation capabilities of the United States, and in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the ongoing threat of terrorist activity, is to advise the President on whether the Intelligence Community is sufficiently authorized, organized, equipped, trained, and resourced to identify, warn of, and support U.S. Government response to the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and other related threats of the 21st Century and their employment by foreign powers including terrorists, terrorist organizations, and private networks, or other entities or individuals.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, no further congressional action is required and these funds will be made available immediately.