

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In order to ensure the most effective counter-proliferation capabilities of the United States and respond effectively to the ongoing threat of terrorist activity, I am notifying the Congress of my intent to transfer \$10 million from funds provided in Public Law 107-38, the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Acts on the United States, to the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (the "Commission").

These funds are necessary to support the essential activities of the Commission in assessing the capabilities and challenges of the intelligence community regarding the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

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 be "George W. Bush", written in a cursive style.

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

July 15, 2004

The President
The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to transfer funds provided in P.L. 107-38, the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, to 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 of weapons of mass destruction, particularly in light of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the ongoing threat of terrorist activity. On March 12, 2004, you notified Congress of your intent to make available immediately to the Commission \$4 million of the funds provided in P.L. 107-38 to support the Commission's lease of office space and other initial start-up costs. At this time, an additional \$10 million is necessary for the Commission to carry out its mission to assess the capabilities and challenges of the intelligence community regarding the threat of weapons of mass destruction. Therefore, I recommend transferring \$10 million from the unallocated balance of funds provided in P.L. 107-38 to the Commission.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, the requested funds will be made available 15 days after the transmittal of this request.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. 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.....\$10,000,000

On March 12, 2004, Congress was notified of the President's intention to make available \$4 million of the funds provided in P.L. 107-38, the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, to the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (Commission) for initial start-up costs.

The additional \$10 million would be used by the Commission to support its ongoing work. The Commission's mission 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, all of these funds will be made available 15 days after the transmittal of this request.