

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 14, 2005

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 improvements to the White House Situation Room to enhance the capabilities of the White House in the war on terrorism.

At this time, \$3.3 million will be transferred from the Emergency Response Fund to the Department of Defense. As provided in Public Law 107-38, these funds will be made available to the Department of Defense 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 be "George W. Bush", written over a faint rectangular stamp.

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

December 13, 2005

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 improvements to the White House Situation Room to enhance the capabilities of the White House to constantly monitor events, respond to emergencies, and oversee the war on terrorism.

In its role as manager of the Situation Room, the Department of Defense's Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) will oversee this project. The proposed changes will significantly improve the White House's ability to manage both crisis response and day-to-day government operations. In order for the project to stay on schedule, DISA requires immediate funding of \$3.3 million to complete the planning phase and begin the renovation effort.

Pursuant to P.L. 107-38, no further congressional action would be required for this initial \$3.3 million, which would be made available for this purpose 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bolten", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Joshua B. Bolten
Director

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

Department of Defense

Operation and Maintenance

Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide \$500,000

Procurement

Procurement, Defense-wide \$2,800,000

These funds would be used by the Defense Information Systems Agency in the Department of Defense to enhance the capabilities of the White House Situation Room.

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