

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 2000

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

As required by Section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) and the Government Corporation Control Act (31 U.S.C., Chapter 91), I hereby notify the Congress of budget program revisions for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for FY 2000 and FY 2001. The revisions, totaling up to \$845 million, would support the purchase and donation of domestic wheat and other surplus commodities.

For FY 2000, the FY 2001 Budget estimate for CCC of \$27,921 million in net outlays would be increased by \$600 million, to \$28,521 million. The FY 2001 estimate of \$18,975 million in net outlays would be increased by up to \$245 million, to \$19,220 million.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William J. Clinton in cursive script.

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

February 25, 2000

The President

The White House

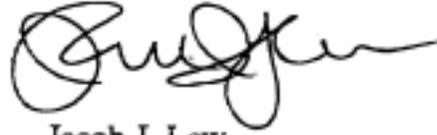
Submitted for your consideration is a request for FY 2000 and FY 2001 budget revisions totaling up to \$845 million for the purchase and donation of domestic wheat and other surplus commodities.

In accordance with Section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) and the Government Corporation Control Act (31 U.S.C., Chapter 91), this request would constitute an official revision of the budget program for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for FY 2000 and FY 2001. For FY 2000, the FY 2001 Budget estimate for CCC of \$27,921 million in net outlays would be increased by \$600 million, to \$28,521 million. OMB projects that the FY 2001 estimate of \$18,975 million in net outlays would be increased by up to \$245 million, to \$19,220 million.

The funds will be used to implement the plan you directed on February 10, 2000. Up to three million bushels of U.S. wheat, wheat flour, soybeans, other soy products, rice, and milk powder will be purchased by CCC or taken from CCC stocks and donated overseas to relieve hunger and suffering in needy areas of the world and to strengthen domestic crop prices. The Secretary of Agriculture has found the commodities to be in surplus at this time, and OMB concurs in this determination. The current estimated funding needs of up to \$845 million in FYs 2000 and 2001 will allow the acquisition of commodities and the ocean freight to the destination countries. The recipient countries and allocations are being determined by the Administration and international aid organizations.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Agriculture in recommending that you approve the budget program revisions by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

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NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION AND THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATION CONTROL ACT

In accordance with Section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) and the Government Corporation Control Act (31 U.S.C., Chapter 91), the President has revised the budget program for the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for FYs 2000 and 2001. For FY 2000, the FY 2001 Budget estimate for CCC of \$27,921 million in net outlays has been increased by \$600 million, to \$28,521 million. The FY 2001 estimate of \$18,975 million in net outlays has been increased by up to \$245 million, to \$19,220 million.

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