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President Submits Request for Funding War on Terrorism

Provides Resources for the War on Terror, Including Military and Intelligence Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and the Relief and Reconstruction of Those Countries

Washington, DC -- President George W. Bush today submitted a proposal for \$87 billion in supplemental appropriations to Congress for funding the War on Terrorism. The request would provide critical funds for military and intelligence operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries, as well as resources for the reconstruction and economic development of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Letters from the President and OMB Director Joshua B. Bolten which summarize the request are attached.

Summary of the President's request (*numbers may not add due to rounding*):

- \$65.6 billion for the Department of Defense and classified activities, including:
 - \$51 billion for Operation Iraqi Freedom
 - \$11 billion for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan
 - Approximately \$4 billion for coalition partners and mobilization support

- \$21.4 billion for the Coalition Provision Authority (CPA) and Department of State, including:
 - \$20.3 billion for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund for use by the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA)
 - \$800 million for pressing security and reconstruction needs in Afghanistan
 - \$140 million for State Department operations

The supplemental package can be accessed via the OMB website:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/amendments/supplemental_9_17_03.pdf

--letters attached--

September 17, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Two years ago, we responded to attacks on America by launching a global war against terrorism that has removed gathering threats to America and our allies and has liberated the Iraqi and Afghan people from oppression and fear.

America is making steady progress in the war on terror. Nearly two-thirds of al Qaeda's leadership has been captured or killed. In Afghanistan, we removed the Taliban from power and shut down terrorist training camps. In Iraq, we led a coalition that removed a dangerous tyrant who sponsored terror, possessed and used weapons of mass destruction, and for 12 years defied the clear demands of the United Nations Security Council.

Today, I am submitting a request for 2004 supplemental appropriations for ongoing military and intelligence operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Our men and women in uniform, alongside our coalition partners, are bringing peace and stability to Iraq and fighting the terrorist threat. In Afghanistan, our Armed Forces continue to track down terrorists and provide security as the Afghan people rebuild their nation. Our commitment to ongoing operations against terrorism is worthy of our country and critical to our security.

My request also supports the Coalition Provisional Authority's reconstruction operations in Iraq and supports reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan. These reconstruction funds are essential to secure the transition to self-government and to create conditions for economic growth and investment. By helping the Iraqi and Afghan people build free and democratic nations, America and our allies are bringing freedom and hope to a troubled region, and undermining a key base of operations for terrorists. The sooner we achieve these conditions, the sooner our troops will return home.

This request reflects urgent and essential requirements. I ask the Congress to appropriate the funds as requested, and promptly return the bill to me for signature. I hereby designate the specific proposals in the amounts requested herein as emergency requirements. I urge the Congress not to attach items that are not directly related to the emergency abroad.

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

Sincerely,

(Signature)

George W. Bush

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

September 17, 2003

The President
The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request for FY 2004 supplemental appropriations totaling \$87 billion that primarily funds ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as relief and reconstruction activities in those countries.

These funds will be used to help secure the transition to democracy in both Iraq and Afghanistan while creating conditions for economic investment and growth in both countries. To achieve these objectives and thereby enhance security in the United States, the request for supplemental funds includes:

Department of Defense and classified activities – \$65.6 billion

- This request provides approximately \$51 billion for Operation Iraqi Freedom and \$11 billion for Operation Enduring Freedom. Approximately \$4 billion covers costs associated with Operation Noble Eagle and support for our allies in the war on terror.
- The two major military cost items are increased operational tempo at approximately \$32 billion and military personnel costs at approximately \$18 billion. Military construction, procurement of equipment, maintenance, military health care support, and classified activities (described in separate materials) account for \$13 billion.

Coalition Provisional Authority and Department of State – \$21.4 billion

- This request provides \$20.3 billion for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund for use by the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). The CPA plans to spend \$5.1 billion to enhance security, including: border enforcement; building a national police service; standing up a new Iraqi Army; and reforming the justice system. CPA also plans to spend \$5.7 billion to provide basic electricity services, \$3.7 billion to provide basic water and sewer services, and \$2.1 billion to rehabilitate Iraq's oil infrastructure. These resources are essential to help create the conditions that will allow U.S. troops to return home.
- The request includes \$800 million for pressing security and reconstruction needs in Afghanistan, including building the Afghan National Army and continuing construction to complete the road from Kabul to Herat.
- The request also includes \$140 million for State Department operations, which provide secure temporary State Department facilities in Iraq and ensures that funds are available to pay rewards in the war on terror.

All of the requests in the transmittal are for the purpose of fulfilling known and urgent requirements that cannot reasonably be met through the use of existing agency funds. I recommend that you designate the specific proposals contained in this transmittal as emergency requirements.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Joshua B. Bolten
Director