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Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Jim:

On November 22, 1976 the USS BELKNAP (CG-26) and the USS J F KENNEDY (CV-67) collided during maneuvers in the Mediterranean Sea. The Navy has towed the BELKNAP to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and has developed a plan for restoring the ship. In order to begin restoration of the ship at the earliest possible date, I believe it is necessary to submit a FY 1976 Supplemental budget request. Accordingly, I propose a Supplemental request totaling \$221 million for the Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy and the RMT&E, Navy appropriations.

I am prepared to supply all supporting justification material associated with the request.

Sincerely,

SIGNED
DONALD RUMSFELD

cc: Secretary of the Navy

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