

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION, POST  
OFFICE DEPARTMENT, 1940

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE POST  
OFFICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1940, IN THE SUM  
OF \$900,000

JULY 24, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to  
be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, July 21, 1939.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR, I have the honor to transmit herewith a supplemental estimate  
of appropriation for the Post Office Department for the fiscal year  
1940, in the sum of \$900,000, to provide for payment under contract  
for carrying foreign air mail, commencing in August 1939, over a  
route between San Francisco, Calif., and Australasia.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reasons  
for its submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director  
of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and obser-  
vations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, July 21, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,  
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation of \$900,000 for the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL—OUT OF THE  
POSTAL REVENUES

Foreign air mail transportation, 1940: For an additional amount for the transportation of foreign mails by aircraft, as authorized by law, \$900,000: *Provided*, That in the advertisement or award of any formal contract, or on renewal of any such contract, involving expenditure from this appropriation, the Postmaster General shall not be bound by any franchise, obligation, right, privilege, duty, or liability, granted or imposed by any foreign government, by virtue of any contract or agreement entered into by any natural or juridical person with such foreign government, unless the Postmaster General considers it to be in the public interest to comply with the terms of any such franchise, obligation, right, privilege, duty, or liability: *Provided further*, That in the event any such contract or agreement is cancelled by a foreign government, the Government of the United States will in no way be responsible for the indemnification of any natural or juridical person awarded such contract on account of any losses or damages which may be incurred or suffered by the latter as a result of such cancellation: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall be construed as a ratification or acceptance by the Government of the United States of the terms of any contract, agreement, or understanding, express or implied, heretofore or hereafter entered into between any natural or juridical person and any foreign government, and the Government of the United States hereby reserves to itself, unconditionally, full freedom of action with respect to any future application which may be made by any government or natural or juridical person being a citizen or subject of any foreign country for landing rights in United States territory in connection with the operation of an international air service (39 U. S. C. 465a, 652; act, June 23, 1938, 52 Stat. 144; act, May 6, 1939, Public, No. 65)..... \$900,000

This estimate of appropriation is required to provide for foreign air-mail service on a route between San Francisco, Calif., via Honolulu, T. H., to Australasia, and covers the estimated amount required for payment for flights to be made up to June 30, 1940, one of which is to be commenced prior to August 31, 1939.

This estimate of appropriation is required to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1940. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD D. SMITH,  
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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