



United States Senate

MTST NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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This will acknowledge your letter concerning a reduction of funds for fiscal 1970 for the National Science Foundation.

The House Committee on Appropriations recommended an appropriation of \$418 million. This is a reduction of \$79 million below the budget, but is an increase of \$18 million over the appropriation provided for fiscal year 1969. The Foundation will have a carry-over balance of \$20 million from 1969, which will also be available for obligation in 1970. This amount, together with the recommended appropriation will allow total obligations of \$438 million, or a net increase of about \$3 million over the estimated current year obligations.

The funding level of Foundation programs has more than tripled in the last decade, and the House Committee on Appropriations felt the recommended figure will provide a reasonable level of funding for 1970.

I assure you this legislation will receive my careful attention when it reaches the floor of the Senate.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen