

Chuck Brain

Customs

Cong. Peter Deutch coming to meet w/ Podesta tomorrow afternoon.

re: funding for customs inspectors
@ Ft. Lauderdale airport

15
people

Kim
Maleski
5-5009

construction @ Miami international
Customs agents being displaced
they want to be moved to Ft. Lauderdale

\$1.5 million to hire customs agents
in

doesn't seem to work

Deutch has tried:

- report lang. (didn't make it)
- emergency fund (")
- miscellaneous tariff (")

He wants to come down tomorrow

He wants to know who in policy shop
dealing w/ this.

Mark Schwarty @ OMB (seems to know
more than anyone)

5-1090

briefing paper

24
copies of talkie ps.



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Subject: Rep. Deutsch request

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Subject: Rep. Deutsch request

Michael: Chuck Brain called to let me know that Rep. Deutsch may be coming into to see COS Podesta tomorrow to discuss the Fort Lauderdale request. As the attached note from Kimberly makes clear, there is very little flexibility with the omnibus funding to reallocate it to Fort Lauderdale. The only funds available would be the \$5 million we have set aside for port security/background checks.

As to the larger issue, Rep. Deutsch's letter states that the expansion at Fort Lauderdale will be good because it will reduce the demands placed on Miami. Accordingly, it would make immense sense to reallocate resources from Miami to Fort Lauderdale to meet this need.

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Kimberly A. Maluski

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Subject: Rep. Deutsch request

Here is a summary of the information we currently have to respond to Rep. Deutsch's request (which he considers an emergency) for \$1.6 million to hire 15 new inspectors for Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL). We are checking with Customs, but it seems to us that they should easily be able to reprogram resources from either Miami International Airport (FLL is expected to

alleviate some of the workload at Miami), or a lower priority area, in order to deal with the needs at FLL.

The FY 99 Omnibus Appropriations Bill provided \$276 million in emergency funding to the U.S. Customs Service. However, only a small portion of that funding (up to \$5 million annually in FY 1999 and FY 2000) will be used to increase Customs staffing for specified purposes. Therefore, it would be quite difficult for Customs to reprogram any of the emergency funds to FLL for increased hiring.

A more likely alternative would be for Customs to reprogram funds and staffing from either Miami International Airport or a lower priority location. Customs could either transfer inspectors from other locations to FLL, or fill inspector vacancies at FLL rather than at the location where the vacancies originated.

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*calls out to Customs
possible for Customs
to reprogram
(resources from Miami)
or
fill vacancies*

→ All in one acct. Wouldn't need Congressional approval.

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The Honorable Jim Kolbe
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Jim:

As the conference committee for the FY99 Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations bill convenes in the days ahead, we would appreciate your consideration of our request to add \$1.6 million to the U.S. Customs Service allocation for the purpose of hiring new inspectors for Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL).

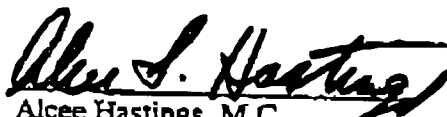
Understanding the late hour of this request, we strongly believe this to be an emergency situation. Over the past few months, FLL has been negotiating with some of our area's largest air cargo processors to relocate their operations to FLL. Expansion of air cargo processing at FLL will eliminate some of the overcrowding at Miami International Airport and help FLL become a first-rate port of entry. As FLL moved to finalize the new lease arrangements, however, the Customs Service indicated that they would need more personnel at the airport to accommodate cargo inspections.

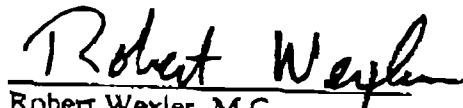
The Customs Service has informed us that \$1.6 million is sufficient to fund 15 new inspector positions at FLL. These additional funds will allow FLL to process air cargo and allow for the rapid expansion of international cargo operations over the next fiscal year.

Our request is extremely important to keep growing South Florida's economy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Clay Shaw, M.C.


Alcee Hastings, M.C.


Robert Wexler, M.C.


Peter Deutsch, M.C.

U.S. Customs Service

Proposal to Add Inspectional Resources to Fort Lauderdale

FY 1999

- In order to provide a 24 hour, seven day-a-week cargo inspection capability to Port Lauderdale International Airport, Customs estimates that the following staffing and other resources would be required:

Staffing:

- 14 Inspectors
- 1 Canine Enforcement Officer

	14 positions	\$1.2 million
	1 position	\$0.1 million
Subtotal	15 Positions,	\$1.3 million

Other Resources:

- Relocations for two (2) personnel
- Temporary office space, communications cabling, additional vehicle, office equipment

\$0.1 million

Subtotal

\$0.2 million
\$0.3 million

GRAND TOTAL\$1.6 million

- These costs reflect the pay, benefits, and initial training and equipage costs for the positions shown as well as the other costs of establishing the office.
- Due to facilities constraints in the airport, Customs may be required to arrange for temporary space to house the additional personnel and their equipment.

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REPORT
105-760

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND CERTAIN INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

OCTOBER 1, 1998—Ordered to be printed

Mr. KOLAN, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

(To accompany H.R. 4104)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4104) "making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, namely:

*Report
Language
Adopted in
Omnibus*

(CIAP), as proposed by the House, instead of \$4,200,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees direct the Secretary of the Treasury to be fully engaged in CIAP, providing necessary oversight and assistance to the Customs Service Office of Internal Affairs in order to achieve program goals.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

The conferees strongly support Customs leadership in stopping the vile traffic in child pornography and are pleased with its recent successful takedown of a major international pornography organization. To continue this success, the conferees agree to set aside \$2,400,000 of the Customs appropriation to double the staffing and resources for the child pornography cyber-smuggling initiative, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$2,000,000 proposed by the House to be funded through the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund. In addition, the conferees agree to include \$1,000,000 in the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund for technology support for this initiative.

CUSTOMS INSPECTION SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR CARGO

The conferees are concerned about the availability of Customs Service personnel to provide inspection services for airports that are seeing increased traffic or project such increases as part of regional development patterns. In many locations Customs has been asked to initiate or expand the level and availability of such services. The conferees understand that decisions to allocate inspection personnel must be based on availability of staff and funding, and should also be a function of the level of current or expected traffic, as well as concerns about enforcing trade laws and countering smuggling threats. At the same time, the conferees recognize that some airports, such as Dulles International Airport, Miami International Airport, and Fort Lauderdale International Airport, are experiencing growth and may have good cases for initiating or increasing cargo traffic operations, which are dependant on the availability of specific Customs inspection services. The conferees therefore urge the Customs Service, as it undertakes to establish a comprehensive model for assessing and allocating its inspection and investigative staff, to work closely with the airport authorities and the trade community to ensure that it will meet requirements for new and expanded service. The aim of such a process should be allocation of staff and resources that is in the best interest of regional economic interests, trade, and the mission of the Customs Service.

OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND PROCUREMENT, AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION PROGRAMS

The conferees agree to provide \$117,688,000, instead of \$100,688,000 as proposed by the House and \$118,488,000 as proposed by the Senate. No funding for this account would be delayed, as had been proposed by the Senate, and there is no earmark for activities in South Florida and the Caribbean, as had been proposed by the Senate. This number includes an additional \$1,000,000 for increased support for operations and upgrades for

equipment for the marine enforcement program and \$14,200,000 for Black Hawk helicopter program support.

BLACK HAWK HELICOPTERS

The conferees have included \$14,200,000 to restore three line Black Hawk helicopters to an operational readiness condition and provide for increased operation and maintenance requirements for Customs' helicopter component. The conferees understand this funding will permit Customs to increase Black Hawk fly hours from 18 to 30 hours per month. The conferees direct the Customs Service to maximize the mission operability of all sixteen Black Hawk helicopters assigned to the Air Interdiction Program.

CUSTOMS MARINE PROGRAM

The conferees include an additional \$1,000,000 to augment the \$5,200,000 requested for the marine program.

CUSTOMS AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION PROGRAMS

The conferees continue to be impressed with the successes associated with the Customs Air and Marine Interdiction program and are aware of the growing operational commitments associated with this success. The conferees encourage the Customs Service to examine the benefits of a consolidated air maintenance system and take actions to improve operational coordination of its air assets to meet our national drug enforcement priorities. The conferees, in the interest of maintaining viable and effective air and marine interdiction programs, direct the Customs Service to develop two comprehensive modernization plans for the air interdiction and marine enforcement programs, respectively. These plans shall be submitted with the President's fiscal year 2000 budget and should include the projected lifespans and project a replacement schedule, as well as the current status, of each aircraft or vessel; associated operations and maintenance activities for these craft; and any cost for fleet extension or modernization. These modernization plans should be living documents that the Customs Service continually reevaluates and utilizes in its effort to maximize its operational effectiveness.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The conferees agree that the special operations requirements of the Customs Service Air and Marine Interdiction Programs demand special tactical and logistical operations considerations due to the high threat nature of these activities. The conferees direct the Customs Service to review its utilization of these special operations assets with the goal of improving management, coordination, training and utilization of equipment and personnel. The Customs Service should consider all options to achieve the greatest efficiency and productivity for our coastal and border interdiction efforts.

South Florida

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Shirley

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SUBJECT:

Rep. Deutsch is hoping to get some sort
of emergency action to address this issue.
Chuck would like your opinion on this.
Thanks for your help.

1 OF 16

Kimberly: Let's discuss

**List of FY 1998 Accounts Containing Unvouchered Expenditures
That are Potentially Subject of Audit by GAO**

Date: October 16, 1998

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