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GENERAL NOTES

1. All years referred to are fiscal years, unless otherwise noted.
2. Detail in this document may not add to the totals due to rounding.
3. At the time of this writing, 11 of the 13 appropriations bills for 2003 were not enacted, and the programs covered by them were operating under a continuing resolution. For these programs, references to 2003 spending, excluding current services or baseline estimates, in the text and tables reflect the Administration’s 2003 policy proposals. The baseline estimates for the programs covered by the unenacted bills reflect the levels provided by the continuing resolution.