

**\$15,918 a second**  
**\$955,098 a minute**  
**\$57,305,936 an hour**  
**\$1,375,342,465 a day**  
**\$9,627,397,255 a week**

Bush has requested over a half a trillion tax dollars for the Pentagon. That doesn't include \$262 billion for combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan or the \$17 billion in the Department of Energy for nuclear weapons. It also doesn't include the \$70 billion for the care of our veterans or the \$9 billion in military spending hidden in the NASA budget.

In fact, when Bush finally leaves office, he will have handed over \$4 trillion to the Pentagon, again, on top of over \$500 billion spent to date on his so-called war on terror. The economy is reeling and organizations like Peace Action are beginning to feel the pinch; but, we don't get the same bail out as the banks.

This week, the IRS will be sending out checks as part of a \$170 billion plan to 'stimulate the economy'. The average tax payer will receive \$600 and any portion of that you can invest in opposing Bush's policies will go a long way to build our movement.

When he began this fiasco, the cost of oil was just over \$30 a barrel. Now it's over \$120 a barrel.

One cannot help but wonder when military experts claim our military is 'hollow'. Where did the money go? While you ponder that question, the Pentagon will be spending another million...on war. Can you spare \$200 for peace?

A recent Associated Press poll showed 45% of the recipients plan to pay bills and 32% plan to either invest it or add it to their savings with 4% planning to give it to their favorite charities. If you are one of that 4% we ask you to dedicate that cash to Peace Action and the work we do to combat war and nuclear weapons.

Yours in Peace,  
Peter Deccy  
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P.S. That is one way to stimulate the opposition to Bush's reckless and dangerous policies. It's a way to support the work of groups like Peace Action, who believe the Pentagon's spending spree is not stimulating the economy, but rather, pouring good money after bad in a succession of wars and gold plated weapons systems and buy us very little in the way of security.