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ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1997

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 421 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

We were engaged to audit the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, a component unit of the City of New Orleans, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's management.

The Orleans Parish Juvenile Court has a bank account in its Non-Support agency fund that has never been reconciled due to the fact that an outstanding check listing could not be generated by the computer department of the City of New Orleans. We were not able to perform adequate alternative procedures to satisfy ourselves about the current year's cash balance or fund liability because of the absence of this outstanding check listing.

Because of the significance of the matter described in the preceding paragraph, we are unable to express, and do not express, an opinion on the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 7, 1998 on our consideration of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

We were engaged to audit the general purpose financial statements for the purpose of forming an opinion on those statements taken as a whole. The combining statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is also not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

For reasons stated in the second paragraph of this report, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express an opinion on the general purpose financial statements. Similarly, we are unable to express, and we do not express, an opinion on the combining statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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April 7, 1998

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#### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS DECEMBER 31, 1997

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#### ASSETS

		Govern Fund		Fiduciary Fund			Account Group		
		General Fund	 Special Revenue Fund		Agency	•	General Fixed Assets	(	Total Memorandum Only)
Cash Receivables:	\$	666,918	\$ 245,445	\$	÷	\$		\$	912,363
Grants		25,537	170,178		-		-		195,715
NSF checks		95			13,081		_		13,176
Interfund receivables		156,247	166,946		619,751		-		942,944
Interest receivable		6,253	_		-		-		6,253
Investments - at cost		189,424	-		-		-		189,424
Fixed assets	<b>-</b>		 				636,631	<b>-</b>	636,631
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	1,044,474	\$ 582,569	<u>ş</u> .	632,832	\$	636,631	<u>\$</u>	2,896,506

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

#### LIABILITIES:

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Accounts payable Accrued expenses Payroll taxes payable	\$	\$	\$ -	\$	\$ 62,203 9,831 638
Fine collections payable Interfund payables Bonds outstanding Deposits payable Unprocessed payments Due to others	756,152	- 50,461 - -	13,134 136,331 258,246 200 122,660 102,261		13,134 942,944 258,246 200 122,660 102,261
Total liabilities	766,936	112,349	632,832	<u>-</u>	1,512,117
FUND EQUITY:					
Fund balance, unreserved Investment in general	277,538	470,220	<del></del>		747,758
fixed assets				636,631	636,631
Total fund equity	277,538	470,220		636,631	1,384,389
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 1,044,474</u>	<u>\$ 582,569</u>	<u>\$ 632,832</u>	\$ 636,631	<u>\$2,896,506</u>

#### See accompanying NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2

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Exhibit "B"

#### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	General	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:			
Fines and fees Court costs Contractual services Grants Interest Miscellaneous	\$    54,804 266,220 47,907 35,808 15,505	\$     99,155 32,851 672,190 	\$ 153,959 266,220 32,851 720,097 35,808 15,505
Total revenues EXPENDITURES:	420,244	804,196	1,224,440
Personal services Contractual services Supplies Program costs Administrative costs Machinery and equipment Miscellaneous	1,831,961 167,290 61,155 - 46,509 6,669	463,169 70,541 95,864 2,411	2,295,130 237,831 61,155 95,864 2,411 46,509 6,669
Total expenditures	2,113,584	631,985	2,745,569

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,693,340)	172,211	(1,521,129)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	1,649,286	(85,950)	1,649,286 (85,950)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,649,286	(85,950)	1,563,336
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(44,054)	86,261	42,207
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	321,592	383,959	705,551
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$                                    </u>	<b>\$</b> 470,220	\$ 747,758

## See accompanying NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CHANGES	ORLI COMBINED STAT IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE	OMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES UND BALANCES - ACTUAL AND BUD FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEM	( JUVENILE COURT EVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND AND BUDGET - GOVERNMENTAL ) D DECEMBER 31, 1997	AND VTAL FUND TYPES		
		General			Special Revenue	
	Actual	Budget	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual	opn;	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
U C G S S	\$ 54,804 266,220 47,907 35,808 15,505	\$ 44,927 267,785 - 38,000 13,000	\$ 9,877 (1,565) 9,907 13,705	\$ 99,155 - 672,190	\$ 104,000 30,000 745,588	\$ (4,845) - 2,851 (73,398) -
ues	420,244	365,512	54,732	804,196	879,588	(75,392)
r Ces Ses	1,831,961 167,290 61,155	1,823,184 164,312 46,700	(8,777) (2,978) (14,455)	1 4 0 1 4 0	85, 394	, 85
osts uipment	46, 509 6, 669	15,000	- (31,509) (4,169)	20, 004 2, 411 -	1, 644 1, 644	(767)
dítures	2,113,584	2,051,696	(61,888)	631, 985	775,588	143, 603
21	(1,693,340)	(1,686,184)	(7,156)	172,211	104,000	68,211
SOURCES (USES) :						
ers in ers out	1,649,286	1,686,184	(36,898)	(85,950)	(104,000)	18,050
financing sources	1,649,286	1,686,184	(36,898)	(85,950)	(104,000)	86,261
CY) OF REVENUES OVER D OTHER FINANCING	(44,054)	l	(44,054)	86,261	I	86,261
NUARY 1	321, 592		321,592	383, 959		383, 959
CEMBER 31	<u>\$ 277,538</u>	S L	<u>\$ 277,538</u>	\$ 470,220	5	\$ 470,220

STATEMENTS See accompanying NOTES TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL

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#### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Louisiana Constitution of 1921 provided the foundation for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (the Court) as it exists today. The Court handles all juvenile violations, determines and obtains support obligations owed by absent parents to their families and children, and all other administrative and judicial matters involving juveniles in Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

### Reporting Entity

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Due to its fiscal dependency on the City of New Orleans, the Court has been determined to be a component unit of the reporting entity of the City of New Orleans. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court and do not present information from the City of New Orleans, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the City of New Orleans' financial reporting entity. The Court has no component units.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Court conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

#### (a) Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Court are organized on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which are comprised of each fund's assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. The following funds and accounting groups are used by the Court:

#### General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Court, and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

### Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

#### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fiduciary Fund Types

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Trust and Agency Funds

Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Court in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, other governments and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

General Fixed Assets Account Group

The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical costs if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

#### (b) Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are

#### recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

#### (c) <u>Budgetary Data</u>

#### For the year ended December 31, 1997, the Court adopted an annual budget for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.

#### (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (CONTINUED)

#### (c) <u>Budgetary Data</u> (Continued)

Budgetary practices followed by the court include public notice of the proposed budget, public inspection of the proposed budget, and public hearings on the budget. Budgetary integration is used as a management control device.

#### (d) <u>Cash</u>

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The Court is authorized under state law to deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, and the laws of the United States. Under state laws, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of such pledged securities and federal deposit insurance must equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

At December 31, 1997, the carrying amount of the Court's deposits was \$912,263 and the bank balance was \$1,062,519. Of the bank balances, \$200,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$862,519 was covered by collateral held by the pledging institutions' agent in the Court's name.

#### (e) <u>Investments</u>

The Court is authorized under state law to invest in U.S. bonds, treasury notes, and other federally insured investments. Investments are stated at the lower of cost or fair market value.

#### (f) Total Columns on Combined Statements - Overview

Total columns on the combined statements are captioned memorandum only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Nor is such data comparable to a

# consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

#### (2) INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at December 31, 1997 are as follows:

	Interfund <u>Receivables</u>	Interfund <u>Payables</u>
General fund JIPS Weekend detention Case processing Bond escrow Special probation Hearing officers FINS Non-Support Restitution OIDP Bond Transcript Traffic	<pre>\$ 156,247</pre>	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

#### (3) INVESTMENTS

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Investments of the Court at December 31, 1997 are as follows:

U.S. Treasury Bill:	Carrying Value	Market Value	Fund
Held by the Court's agent in the Court's name	<u>\$ 189,424</u>	<u>\$ 195,734</u>	General

#### (4) CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are accounted for in the General Fixed Asset Account Group, rather than in the governmental fund. No depreciation has been provided on fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. The balance at December 31, 1997 consists of \$476,719 of historical costs, and \$159,912 of estimated costs. The General Fixed Asset Account Group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position and does not involve measurement of results of operations. A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

#### (4) CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

		alance ember 31, 1996	Ac	<u>lditions</u>	Dele	etions		alance ember 31, 1997
Furniture and fixtures Equipment Computer equipment Autos and vans	\$	153,364 90,196 333,909 12,654	\$ 	1,200 45,308 -	\$	  	\$	153,364 91,396 379,217 12,654
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>590,123</u>	<u></u>	46, <u>508</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	636,631

#### (5) LEASES

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The Court has a cancelable operating lease for the rental and maintenance of a copy machine. The total amount charged to copier expense as a result of this lease was \$13,606 for the year ended December 31, 1997.

#### (6) BONDS OUTSTANDING

Bonds outstanding represent monies paid by defendants for their release from court custody. The amount of each bond will be reimbursed to the defendant upon his/her appearance for trial and/or will be forfeited towards arrearages due for fines, fees, or non-support.

#### (7) EXPENSES OF THE COURT PAID BY OTHERS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain portions of the Court's expenses paid directly by other governmental entities. Expenses for the Court paid by the City of New Orleans include court room space, office space, utilities, and certain capital improvements.

Major portions of the salaries and related benefits of the Court's administrative and support staff are also paid by the City. Salary and fringe benefit payments, in the amount of \$1,563,327, made by the City of New Orleans on behalf of the Court are included in the accompanying financial statements for the General Fund as personal services expense and operating transfers in. The fringe benefit payments made by the City of New Orleans on behalf of the Court include contributions of \$102,944 to the Employees' Retirement System of the City of New Orleans.



Financial instruments that potentially subject the Court to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of investments in U.S. Treasuries. Investments in U.S. Treasuries totaled \$189,424 at December 31, 1997.

#### (9) ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Court is economically dependent on the City of New Orleans for the payment of the expenses described in Note 7. Should the City of New Orleans be unable to pay the expenses in 1998, the operations of the Court would be adversely effected.

#### (10) RISK MANAGEMENT

The Court is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City of New Orleans provides commercial insurance for the court in amounts sufficient to insure the court against claims resulting from any of those risks.

•		Total Memorandum Only	\$ 245,445 170,178 166,946	\$ 582,569		\$ 52,057 9,831 50,461	112,349	470,220	<u>\$ 582,569</u>
		Fund	14,075	14,075		68 770	838	13,237	14, 075
		Hearing Officers Fund	\$ 211,588 \$ 154,170 27,401	<u>\$ 393, 159</u>		\$ 52,057 \$ 9,634 23,121	84,812	308,347	<u>\$ 393, 159 §</u>
SGND3		Special Probation Fund	\$ 57,595	<u>\$ 57,595</u>		V	I	57,595	\$ 57,595
NILE COURT E SHEET ECIAL REVENUE 1997		Bond Escrow Fund	\$	\$ 25,379	D BALANCE	\$ 100	100	25,279	\$ 25,379
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GOVI		JIPS	\$ 13,567 	\$ 13,567		\$ 8,760	8,760	4,807	<u> 5 13, 567</u>
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383,959	5,838	258,397	59,439	21,579	45,118	2,514	(8,926)	JANUARY 1
86,261	7,399	49,950	(1,844)	3,700	11,167	2,156	13,733	ENCY) OF REVENUES URES AND OTHER RCES (USES)
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								IG SOURCES (USES):
172,211	7,399	49,950	32,956	3,700	62,317	2,156	13, 733	ENCY) OF REVENUES
631,985	22,601	422,568	22	160	L	50,783	135,851	enditures (
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		Traffic Fund	61,106 \$ 61,106 \$	2,979 58,127 58,127 - - - -	<u>61,106</u>
		Transcript Deposit Fund	1,723 1,723 \$ \$	1,723 1,723 1,723	1,723 \$
S		Bond Fund	- \$ 258,446 \$ 258,446 \$	258,246 258,246 258,446	258,446 \$
JUVENILE COURT LANCE SHEET PE - AGENCY FUND 31, 1997	201	Orleans Indigent Defender Program Fund	5, 391 5, 391 5, 391 \$ FUND BALANCE	2, 238 3, 153 5, 391 5, 391	5, 391 \$
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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 421 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

We were engaged to audit the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, a component unit of the City of New Orleans, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated April 7, 1998. Our report on the general purpose financial statements dated April 7, 1998 stated that, as described in the following paragraph, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express, and we did not express, an opinion on the general purpose financial statements.

We were unable to obtain an outstanding check list for a bank account in the Non-Support agency fund and were not able to perform alternative procedures to satisfy ourselves about the current year's cash balance or fund liability because of the absence of this outstanding check listing.

#### Compliance

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As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not the objective of our engagement and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our engagement, we considered Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items B.1., B.2., and B.3. Ericksen, Krentel, Canton & LaPorte, L.L.P. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS Orleans Parish Juvenile Court April 7, 1998

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A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above we consider item B.3. to be a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to management of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, in a separate letter dated April 7, 1998.

This report is intended for the information of management, and those governmental agencies required to receive this report. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

April 7, 1998

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g. AUDITEE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT - This is to certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the auditee has: (1) Engaged an auditor to perform an audit in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133 for the period described in Part I, Items 1 and 3; (2) the auditor has completed such audit and presented a signed audit report which states that the audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Circular; and, (3) the information included in Parts I, II, and III of this data collection form is accurate and complete. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.	<b>g.</b> AUDITOR STATEMENT - The data elements and information included in this form are limited to those prescribed by OMB Circular A-133. The information included in Parts II and III of the form, except for Part III, Items 5 and 6, was transferred from the auditor's report(s) for the period described in Part I, Items 1 and 3, and is not a substitute for such reports. The auditor has not performed any auditing procedures since the date of the auditor's report(s). A copy of the reporting package required by OMB Circular A-133, which includes the complete auditor's report(s), is available in its entirety from the auditee at the address provided in Part I of this form. As required by OMB Circular A-133, the information in Parts II and III of this form was entered in this form by the auditor based on information included in the reporting package. The auditor has not performed any additional auditing procedures in connection with the completion of this form.
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	PART III FEDERAL	PROGRAMS (To be compl	eted by auditor)	
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	Foundation	Management Agency	17 📋 Labor	59 🗍 Small Business
02	Agency for International	34  Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service	43  National Aeronautics	Administration
	Development	39 General Services	and Space Administration	96 Social Security Administration
10	Agriculture	Administration	89 🗂 National Archives and	19 🗋 State
		93 🖾 Health and Human	Records	20 Transportation
94	Corporation for	Services	Administration	21 Treasury
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	Defense	03  Institute for Museum	06  National Endowment	64 🔲 Veterans Affairs
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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 421 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

#### Compliance

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We were engaged to audit the compliance of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, a component unit of the City of New Orleans, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 1997. Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major program is the responsibility of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's compliance based on our engagement.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's compliance with those requirements.

Our report on Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's general purpose financial statements, dated April 7, 1998, stated that, because we were unable to obtain an outstanding check list for a bank account in the Non-Support agency fund and were not able to perform alternative procedures to satisfy ourselves about the current year's cash balance or fund liability because of the absence of this outstanding check listing, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express, and we did not express, an opinion on the general purpose financial statements.

In our opinion, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, complied, in all material respects with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its

#### major federal program for the year ended December 31, 1997.

> Orleans Parish Juvenile Court April 7, 1998 Page 2

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's ability to administer a major federal program in accordance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items C.1. and C.2.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information of management and those governmental agencies required to receive this report. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

April 7, 1998

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## ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

#### A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

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- 1. The auditors' report disclaims an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.
- 2. Three reportable conditions disclosed during the audit of the general purpose financial statements are reported in the "Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards". One of the conditions is reported as a material weakness.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the general purpose financial statements of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court were disclosed during the audit.
- 4. Two reportable conditions disclosed during the audit of the major federal award program are reported in the "Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133". Neither of these two conditions is considered a material weakness.
- 5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award program for Orleans Parish Juvenile Court expresses an unqualified opinion.
- 6. Audit findings relative to the major federal award program for Orleans Parish Juvenile Court are reported in part C. of this Schedule.
- 7. The program tested as a major program was the Hearing Officers Program (CFDA number 93.563).
- 8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
- 9. Orleans Parish Juvenile Court was not determined to be a low risk auditee.

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#### B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

#### REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

#### Bank Reconciliations 1.

Condition: Monthly bank account reconciliations were not prepared on a timely basis for several of the bank accounts maintained by the Court.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to safeguard assets and provide assurance that they are accurately reported.

Effect: The failure to prepare bank account reconciliations on a timely basis could lead to reporting errors or defalcations not being identified or corrected on a timely basis.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented to insure that bank reconcilations are prepared on a timely basis each month.

Response: Due to a change in personnel there was a misunderstanding about who was to prepare the bank reconciliations. The task has been assigned to a specific employee and the reconciliations will now be prepared on a timely basis.

#### 2. Payroll

Condition: The time sheets supporting a payroll disbursement from the Weekend Detention Fund were not properly authorized.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that payroll disbursements are made only after proper management approval.

Effect: The failure to require proper management approval on time sheets could lead to improper disbursements or unauthorized employees being added to the payroll.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented to provide assurance that all time sheets indicate proper management approval before a payroll disbursement is made.

Response: Management concurs with the recommendation. The Court's accountant has been instructed to not prepare payroll checks until a properly approved time sheet is submitted to

#### support the disbursement.

#### MATERIAL WEAKNESS

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#### Outstanding Check List З.

Condition: An outstanding check list was not prepared for one of the bank accounts in the Non-Support fund.

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Criteria: Internal controls should be in place that provide reasonable assurance that asset balances are accurately and completely reported.

Effect: Without the outstanding check list the bank account can not be reconciled. Therefore, the balance reported in this account can not be verified.

Recommendation: Obtain or prepare an outstanding check list for this bank account.

Response: The Court has made numerous attempts to obtain the information necessary to prepare the outstanding check list. Information on this account has been difficult to obtain because the account was closed in 1983. The City of New Orleans maintained the Court's records at the time the account was closed and a search of the City's records has not revealed any information on the account. The Court is currently considering obtaining remedial legislation to resolve this matter.

#### С. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS-MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

Questioned Costs

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Officers 1. CFDA Number 93.563 Grant Number 355-700134

> Reportable Condition: As discussed at B.1., bank account reconciliations were not prepared on a timely basis for the Hearing Officers Program. The failure to prepare bank account reconciliations on a timely basis could lead to reporting errors or defalcations not being identified or corrected on a timely basis. Procedures should be implemented to insure that bank reconcilations are prepared on a timely basis each month.

Hearing Officers 2. CFDA Number 93.563 Grant Number 355-700134

## Questioned Costs

Statement of Condition: Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1997 exceeded the expenditures reported on grant reimbursement requests.

Hearing Officers 2. CFDA Number 93.563 Grant Number 355-700134

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Statement of Condition: Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1997 exceeded the expenditures reported on grant reimbursement requests.

Effect of Condition: Reimbursable expenditures were understated.

\$ (31,022)

Cause of Condition: Actual cash disbursements were not accurately reported.

Recommendation: Reconcile expenditures on reimbursement request to actual cash disbursements.

Response: Expenditures on reimbursement request will be reconciled to actual cash disbursements on a monthly basis.

Total Department of Health and Human Services

Total questioned costs

(31,022) <u>\$ (31,022)</u>

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#### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

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Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Grantor's Number	Federal Disbursements/ Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Louisiana Department of Social Services			
Hearing Officers	93.563	355-700134	<u>\$ 312,611</u>
OTHER FEDERAL AWARDS - NON MAJOR PROGRAMS			
U.S. Department of Justice			
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement			
Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision	16.579	96-B9-B.11-0069	102,546
Court Delay Reduction	16.579	95-B9-B.10-0099	20,035

Weekend and After School Detention	16.540	95-J9-J.3-0232	52,939
Juvenile Court Information Systems	16.579	95-B9-B.15-0066	19,976
Total U.S. Department of Justice			195,496
Total			<u>\$</u> 508,107

Note: The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is a summary of the activity of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's federal award programs presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### See Auditors' Report 14

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#### **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Summary Schedule Of Prior Audit Findings Relative to Federal Award Programs Year Ended December 31, 1997

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1996 Finding 1.A.: Weekend and After School Detention

**Condition:** Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1996 exceeded the expenditures reported on grant reimbursement requests.

Recommendation: Reconcile expenditures on reimbursement requests to actual cash disbursements.

Current status: The recommendation was adopted. No similar findings were noted for this program in the 1997 audit.

#### 1996 Finding 1.B.: Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision

**Condition:** Actual expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1996 were less than the expenditures reported on grant reimbursement requests.

Recommendation: Reconcile expenditures on reimbursement requests to actual cash disbursements.

Current status: The recommendation was adopted. No similar findings were noted for this program in the 1997 audit.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### 1996 Finding 2.A.: Hearing Officers

# **Condition:** Time sheets supporting a payroll disbursement were not properly authorized.

**Condition:** Time sheets supporting a payroll disbursement were not properly authorized.

**Recommendation:** Examine time sheets to verify proper approval before preparing payroll disbursements.

Current status: The recommendation was adopted. The matter was also discussed with the pass-through entity. No similar findings were noted for this program in the 1997 audit.

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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RELATIVE TO SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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April 7, 1998

Department of Health and Human Services

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm: Ericksen, Krentel, Canton & LaPorte, L.L.P. 4227 Canal Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119 Contact: Ronald H. Dawson, Jr.

Audit Period: 01/01/97 to 12/31/97

The findings from the schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule. Section A of the schedule, Summary of Audit Results, does not include findings and is not addressed.

#### B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

#### REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

#### 1. Bank Reconciliations

#### **Recommendation:** Procedures should be implemented to insure that bank reconcilations are prepared on a timely basis each month.

Department of Health and Human Services April 7, 1998 Page 2

**Response:** We concur with the recommendation. The task of preparing bank reconciliations has been assigned to a specific employee, and the reconciliations will now be prepared on a timely basis.

## 2. Payroll

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**Recommendation:** Procedures should be implemented to provide assurance that all time sheets indicate proper management approval before a payroll disbursement is made.

**Response:** Management concurs with the recommendation. The Court's accountant has been instructed to not prepare payroll checks until a properly approved time sheet is submitted to support the disbursement.

#### MATERIAL WEAKNESS

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3. Outstanding check list

**Condition:** An outstanding check list was not prepared for one of the bank accounts in the Non-Support fund.

**Recommendation:** Obtain or prepare an outstanding check list for this bank account.

**Response:** We concur with the recommendation. The Court has made numerous attempts to obtain the information necessary to prepare the outstanding check list. Information on this account has been difficult to obtain because the account was closed in 1983. The City of New Orleans maintained the Court's records at the time the account was closed and a search of the City's records has not revealed any information on the account. The Court is currently considering obtaining remedial legislation to resolve this matter.

#### C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS-MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1. Hearing Officers

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Reportable Condition: See B.1

2. Hearing Officers

**Recommendation:** Reconcile expenditures on reimbursement request to actual cash disbursements.

Action taken: Expenditures on future reimbursement requests will be reconciled to actual cash disbursements on a monthly basis.

If the Cognizant or Oversight Agency have questions regarding this plan, please call Ernestine S. Gray, Administrative Judge at (504) 565-7324.

Sincerely,

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#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

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April 7, 1998

To the Judges of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 421 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Dear Judges:

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. This letter summarizes our comments regarding those matters. A separate report dated April 7, 1998 contains our report on reportable conditions in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's internal control structure. This letter does not affect our report dated April 7, 1998, on the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

The following are items we noted:

### 1) Accounting Manual

The Court does not have an accounting procedures manual. Written procedures, instructions, and assignments of duties will prevent or reduce misunderstandings, errors, inefficient or wasted effort, duplicated or omitted procedures, and other situations that can result in inaccurate or untimely accounting records. An accounting manual should aid in the training of new employees and possibly allow for delegation of some accounting functions to other employees. It will take some time and effort for the Court to develop an accounting manual but we believe this time will be more than offset by time saved later in training and supervising personnel.

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#### 2) Unclaimed Bonds

Louisiana Revised Statutes allow the Court to appropriate and use, for necessary expenses and operations, all sums of money represented by cash bonds held by the Court that have been unclaimed for more than five years. Before any such unclaimed bonds are appropriated, the Court must publish a notice in the official journal of Orleans Parish seeking information concerning the party at interest. The Court has not attempted to appropriate the unclaimed bonds, and therefore is not taking advantage of the opportunity to generate additional operating revenues. We suggest that the Court compile, and regularly update, a listing of unclaimed bonds and use this listing to conduct the procedures necessary to appropriate the outstanding bonds.

#### Interfund Transfers 3)

During the course of the year, amounts due to other funds will accumulate within certain funds. We noticed that such amounts are not transferred regularly and sometimes will remain in a fund for more than a year. We recommend that all interfund advances and payables be settled at least annually. Otherwise, unnecessary accounting functions must be performed to ensure that advances and payables agree.

The above three items are repeat recommendations from 1996.

#### 4) Year 2000

The Year 2000 issue relates to computer systems that store dates with only two digits to indicate the year, with no century identifier. Computer hardware and software applications which use dates in this format will interpret the date January 1, 2000 as January 1, 1900. Unless this problem is addressed, computer systems that rely on date calculations are at risk of producing unpredictable results or complete failure.

Suggestions for the resolution of Year 2000 issues are as follows:

#### a) Identify and assess the Year 2000 issues relating to hardware and software in use. b) Develop a timetable for resolving the issues. c) Assign adequate personnel to resolving the issue. d) Monitor efforts to resolve the issues.

> Judges of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court April 7, 1998 Page 3

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments with various Court personnel, and will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

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#### JUDGES

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## **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

**421 LOYOLA AVENUE** 

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RELATIVE TO MANAGEMENT LETTER ITEMS

April 7, 1998

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen, Krentel, Canton & LaPorte, L.L.P. 4227 Canal Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119 Contact: Ronald H. Dawson, Jr.

Audit Period: 01/01/97 to 12/31/97

The items from the management letter issued for the year ended December 31, 1997 are discussed below. The items are numbered consistently with the number assigned in the management letter.

### 1. Accounting Manual

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Court should prepare an accounting procedures manual.

<u>Current Status</u>: We concur with the recommendation. Information needed to prepare an accounting manual has been compiled and is being processed. Management believes that the accounting manual will be completed in the near future.

## 2. Unclaimed Bonds

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Court should compile, and regularly update, a listing of unclaimed bonds and use this listing to conduct the procedures necessary to appropriate the bonds.



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> <u>Current Status</u>: Court staff members will begin gathering information on the unclaimed bonds in the near future. As soon as the listing of unclaimed bonds is completed it will be published and the Court will appropriate any bonds which remain unclaimed after publication of the notice.

#### 3. Interfund Transfers

<u>Recommendation</u>: All interfund advances and payables should be settled at least annually.

<u>Current status</u>: We concur with the recommendation. A time table will be developed for personnel to follow in making the necessary transfers.

#### 4. Year 2000

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<u>Recommendation:</u> Implement a plan to resolve Year 2000 issues related to computer systems.

<u>Current Status:</u> The Court has begun resolving Year 2000 issues. The computer systems manager has obtained software that will make the Court's Wang computer system Year 2000 compliant, and is currently identifying other areas that need to be addressed.

If you have questions regarding this plan, please call Ernestine S. Gray, Administrative Judge at (504) 565-7334.

Sincerely, Signature

#### JUDGES

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## **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

421 LOYOLA AVENUE

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Summary Schedule Of Prior Audit Findings Relative to Management Letter Items For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

#### 1996 Item 1: Grant Reimbursement Requests

**Condition:** Requests for reimbursements from grantor agencies were not being filed on a timely basis.

Current status: Reimbursement requests are now being filed on a timely basis.

#### 1996 Item 2: Accounting Manual

Condition: The Court does not have an accounting procedures manual.

**Current status:** Information needed to prepare an accounting manual has been complied and is being processed. Management believes that the accounting manual will be completed in the near future. Since this item has not been fully resolved, it is reported as Item 1 in the 1997 management letter

#### 1996 Item 3: Unclaimed Bonds

**Condition:** The Court has not appropriated, as allowed by Louisiana Revised Statute, unclaimed bonds and is therefore not taking advantage of an opportunity to generate additional operating revenues.

Current status: This item has not been resolved, and is reported as Item 2 in the 1997 management letter.

#### 1996 Item 4: Interfund Transfers

**Condition:** Amounts due to other funds have accumulated with certain funds. It was noted that such amounts are not transferred regularly and sometimes will remain in a fund for more than a year.

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**Current status:** This item reoccurred in 1997 and is therefore included in the 1997 management letter as Item 3.

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## 1996 Item 5: Insurance Coverage

**Condition:** The Court was self-insured against damages caused by fire.

Current Status: This item was resolved. Insurance policies maintained by the City of New Orleans cover the Court's assets against fire damage.

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