

CITY COURT OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

Financial Report, Internal Control and Compliance Report

December 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable David M. Richard, Judge City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana, a component unit of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998 as listed in the financial section of the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Technical Bulletin 98-1, Disclosures about Year 2000 Issues, requires disclosure of certain matters regarding the year 2000 issue. The City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana has included such disclosures in Note 7. Because of the unprecedented nature of the year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be

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fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Accordingly, insufficient audit evidence exists to support the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana disclosures with respect to the year 2000 issue made in Note 7. Further, we do not provide assurance that the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana is or will be year 2000 ready, that the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana does business will be year 2000 ready.

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In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustment, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to examine evidence regarding year 2000 disclosures, the generalpurpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 13, 1999 on our consideration of the City Court of Thibodaux's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Stagni & Company, LLC

Thibodaux, Louisiana January 13, 1999



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COMBINED BALA	ANCE SHEET - ALL Decem	T - ALL FUND TYPES A December 31, 1998	FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROU ber 31, 1998	OUPS	
	Governmental Fund Types	ntal Fund es	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Agency Funds	General Fixed Assets	Total (Memorandum Only)
<u>D OTHER DEBITS</u> cash equivalents General Fund	\$ 62,654	\$207,106 1,171	\$ 14,415		\$ 284,175 1,171
fixtures and equipment assets	S 62,654	\$208,277	\$ 14,415	S 50,823 S 50,823	50,823 \$ 336,169
EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS					
payable and accrued expenses able arshall's Fund	\$ 72 1,171	\$ 17,222			\$ 72 17,667 1,171
her governments: Defender Board	1,905				1,905
hibodaux	2,445 5,444				2,445 5,444
la Commission on Law Enforcement Louisiana	539 697				539 697
l other deposits iabilities	13,497	124,232	S 14,415 14,415		139,426 169,366
other Credits: t in general fixed assets nce - unreserved, undesignated equity and other credits	49,157	66,823 66,823		\$ 50,823 50,823	50,823 115,980 166,803
iabilities, equity, and other credits	S 62,654	\$208,277	S 14,415	\$ 50,823	S 336,169

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CITY COURT OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES As of and for the year ended December 31, 1998

	Fund	Revenue Funds	(Memorandum Only)
REVENUES			
Charges for services:			
Court fees, fines			
and costs	\$ 67,452	\$ 20,927	\$ 88,379
Interest earned	1,588	4,468	6,056
Total revenues	69,040	25,395	94,435
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government - judicial			
Personnel	33,427	325	33,752
Supplies	2,557	413	2,970
Dues	647	499	1,146
Meetings and conventions	250	1,157	1,407
Other services and charges	11,505	<u></u>	11,505
Total expenditures	48,386	2,394	50,780
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over Expenditures	20,654	23,001	43,655
FUND BALANCE			
Beginning of year	28,503	43,822	72,325
End of year	\$ 49,157	\$ 66,823	\$ 115,980

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

The City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana was created in 1953 under General Legislative authority provided by Article 7, Section 51, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921. In 1960, Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:1951 was passed recognizing and continuing the existence of city courts created and established pursuant to this authority. The City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana serves the people of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana and all of Ward 2 of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana.

The component unit financial statements of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana has been prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana are described below:

A. Reporting Entity

City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana is a component unit of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana as defined by GASB 14. City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's judges and marshals are independently elected officials. City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana is fiscally dependent on the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana for office space and courtrooms. The substance of the relationship between City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana and the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana is that the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana has approval authority over its capital budget.

B. Fund Accounting

The City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements, (Continued)

NOTE 1 -SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting, (Continued)

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

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Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana uses governmental and fiduciary funds in its operations.

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of carmarked monies (special revenue funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund. The general fund accounts for fines and costs collected for and payable to other governmental units.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government. Agency funds generally are used to account for assets that the government holds on behalf of others as their agent.

Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's general fixed assets. The general fixed assets are not financial resources available for expenditure. These account groups are not funds and do not reflect available financial resources and related liabilities.

Notes to the Financial Statements, (Continued)

NOTE 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

C. 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 resource measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet.

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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.

Court fees, fines, and other revenues are recorded when collected. Expenditures are recorded when the fund liability is incurred.

D. Budgets

City courts are not required under state statutes to adopt a budget. The City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana has elected not to prepare an annual budget.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. The City Court of Thibodaux does not use an encumbrance system.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within a year of the date acquired.

Notes to the Financial Statements, (Continued)

NOTE 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, (Continued)

F. Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations transactions occur between individual funds. These receivables and payables are classified as "due to or due from other funds" on the balance sheet.

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G. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets), are capitalized and accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in the governmental funds. Capital acquisitions are reflected as expenditures in the governmental funds. All purchased fixed assets are valued at acquisition cost. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. The cost of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or do not extend asset lives are not capitalized. Various assets used by the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana are the property of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana and are reflected in the General Fixed Assets Account Group of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana. No values of these assets are reflected in the General Fixed Asset Account Group of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

H. Compensated Absences

Individuals who work at the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana office are primarily employed by the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana. No liability for compensated absences is reflected on the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's financial statements. Vacation and sick leave do not accumulate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements, (Continued)

NOTE 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, (Continued)

I. Total Columns on Combined Statements-Overview

The 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 or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - <u>DEPOSITS</u>

At year end, the carrying amount of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's deposits was \$284,175 and the bank balance was \$287,366. Under state law, these deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on the deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The deposits of City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana are secured from risk by \$268,308 of federal deposit insurance and the balance by pledged securities at market value of \$238,914.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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Notes to the Financial Statements, (Continued)

NOTE 3 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

······································	Balance 12/31/97	Additions/ (Retirements)	Balance 12/31/98
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$50,823	\$0	\$50,823
Investments in General			
Fixed Assets:			
General Fund	\$48,921		\$48,921
Marshal's Fund	1,681		1,681
Civil Court Fund	221		221
Totals	\$50,823	\$0	\$50,823

NOTE 4 - <u>LITIGATION AND CLAIMS</u>

There is no litigation pending against City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana at December 31, 1998.

NOTE 5 - <u>EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS</u>

All individuals who work at City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana are paid by the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana and are consequently members of the Municipal Employees Retirement System. GASB requires certain disclosures for employers who maintain retirement plans for their employees. All individuals employed at the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana are compensated by others who disclose the required retirement plan information in their separately issued financial statements. The retirement plan mentioned above is administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees.



Notes to the Financial Statements, (Continued)

NOTE 6 - <u>EXPENDITURES OF CITY COURT OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA NOT</u> INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana paid out of funds of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana. A portion of the salary of the office staff, utilities, operating supplies, building expenses and certain other miscellaneous expenses are paid by the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

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NOTE 7- <u>YEAR 2000 ISSUE</u>

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The year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations as early as fiscal year 1999.

City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana has completed an inventory of computer systems and other electronic equipment that may be affected by the year 2000 issue and that are necessary to conducting City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's operation. Based on this inventory, the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana is in the remediation stage in that a programmer has been contracted with in preparation for year 2000 compliance. Additional hardware is expected to be purchased. The cost of the additional hardware, software and programmer are not known at this time. Testing and validation of the systems will need to be completed after the hardware and software is installed.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana is or will be Year 2000 ready, the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana does business will be year 2000 ready.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

<u>CIVIL COURT FUND</u> - The Civil Court Fund is used to account for financial resources and expenditures resulting from civil court operations.

MARSHAL'S FUND -

The Marshal's Fund is used to account for financial resources and expenditures resulting from operations of the Marshal's office.

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CITY COURT OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET -SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

December 31, 1998

	Civil Court Fund	Marshal's Fund	sTotals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Due from General Fund	\$ 166,555	\$ 40,55 1,17	. , .
Total Assets	\$166,555	\$ 41,72	2 \$208,277

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

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Liabilities:			
Fees Payable	\$ 17,222		\$ 17,222
Bonds and other deposits	124,232	·	124,232
Total liabilities	141,454		141,454
Fund balances:			
Unreserved - undesignated	25,101	41,722	66,823
Total liabilities and			
fund balances	\$ 166,555	\$ 41,722	\$208,277

See notes to financial statements.

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CITY COURT OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

As of and for the year ended December 31, 1998

	C	Civil Court ⁻ und	 larshal's Fund	 Totals
REVENUES				
Charges for services: Court fees, fines and costs Interest earned	\$	273 4,468	\$ 20,654	\$ 20,927 4,468

Total revenues	4,741	20,654	25,395
EXPENDITURES - CURRENT			
General government - judicial:			
Personnel services		325	325
Supplies		413	413
Dues		499	499
Meetings and conventions	1,157		1,157
Total expenditures	1,157	1,237	2,394
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	3,584	19,417	23,001
FUND BALANCE			
Beginning of year	21,517	22,305	43,822
End of year	\$ 25,101	\$ 41,722	\$ 66,823

See notes to financial statements.

AGENCY FUNDS

Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

<u>RESTITUTION FUND</u> - The Restitution Fund is used to account for those

assets placed with the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana, as an agent for individuals, et cetera and are ultimately transmitted to them.

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BOND FUND -

The Bond Fund is used to account for those assets placed with the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana as agent by or on behalf of individuals et cetera. Such assets are held until such time as their proper distribution has been determined (i.e., returned to payor or forfeited).

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET AGENCY FUNDS

December 31, 1998

	Restitution Fund	Bond Fund	Total
CASH			
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 193</u>	\$ 14,222	<u>\$ 14,415</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 193</u>	\$ 14,222	\$ 14,415

LIABILITIES

Bonds payable		\$ 14,222	\$ 14,222
Restitution payable	\$ 193		193
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 193</u>	\$ 14,222	<u> </u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN AGENCY BALANCES

December 31, 1998

			stitution Fund		Bond Fund	-	Total
Balance	12/31/97	\$	179	\$	12,169	\$	12,348
ADDITIONS	2						
Restitutio	ns collected		8,159				8,159
Bond fees	collected				21,695	__	21,695
TOTAL	ADDITIONS		8,159	-	21,695	-	29,854
DISBURSE	MENTS						
Restitutio	ns paid		8,145				8,145
Bond fees	a paid	<u>. </u>			19,642		19,642
TOTAL	DISBURSEMENTS	<u>_,</u> ,_	8,145		19,642		27,787
Balance	12/31/98	<u></u>	193		14,222	<u> </u>	14,415

See notes to financial statements.



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INTERNAL CONTROL AND **COMPLIANCE SECTION**



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMEDIN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable David M. Richard, Judge City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana a component unit of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 1999, which was qualified because insufficient audit evidence exists to support the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's disclosures with respect to the year 2000 issue.

Except as discussed in the preceding sentence, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City Court of Thibodaux'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 an objective of our audit 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.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City Court of Thibodaux's internal control over financial reporting 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 over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting the internal control over financial reporting the internal control be material weaknesses.

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This report is intended for the information of management. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Slagni & Company, LLC

Thibodaux, Louisiana January 13, 1999



CITY COURT OF THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA Summary Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

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A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The auditor's report expresses a qualified opinion on the general-purpose financial statements, and the combining individual fund and account group financial statements of the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana, a component unit of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana. The report was qualified because insufficient audit evidence exists to support the City Court of Thibodaux, Louisiana's disclosures with respect to year 2000 issues
- 2. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Compliance and Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements in Accordance with

Government Auditing Standards.

- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the City Court of Thibodaux were disclosed during the audit.
- 4. There was no management letter issued in connection with the audit of the financial statements.
- B. There were no findings relating to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with GAGAS.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings For the Year Ended December 31, 1998 OFFICIAL THEE COPY DO NOT SEND OUT (Know necessary copy and place BACK in FILE)

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
NONE	
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MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
NOT APPLICABLE	
MANAGEMENT LETTER	
NONE	
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Management's Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

SECTION I -	INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
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SECTION III -	MANAGEMENT LETTER	
	NONE NECESSARY	