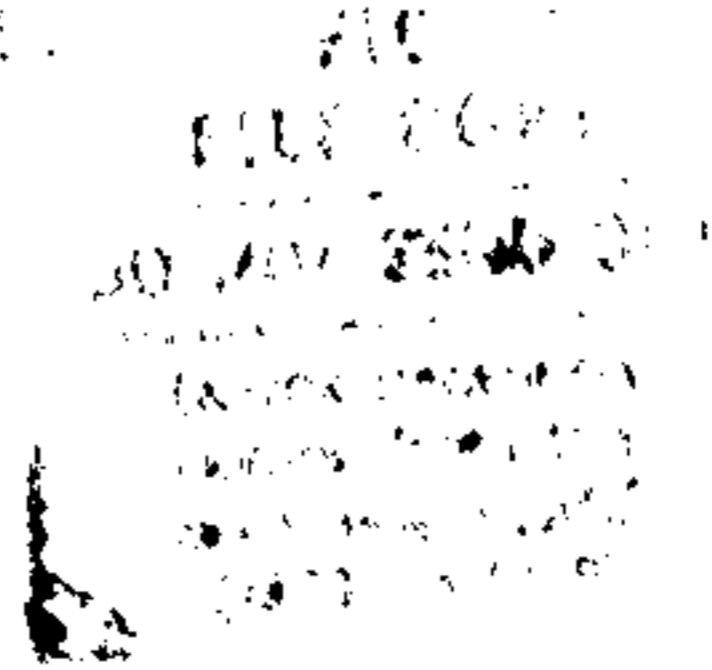


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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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To the Marshal
City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana, a component unit of the City/Parish Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended October 31, 1998. These component unit financial statements are the responsibility of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. 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 general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose 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 Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana has included such disclosures in Note E. 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. Accordingly, insufficient audit evidence exists to support the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana's disclosures with respect to the year 2000 issue made in Note E. Further, we do not provide assurance that the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana is or will be year 2000 ready, that the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana does business will be year 2000 ready.

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In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to examine evidence regarding year 2000 disclosures, the general-purpose financial statements referred above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana, as of October 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 Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

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January 13, 1999

MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES
OCTOBER 31, 1998
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1997

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u> <u>MEMORANDUM ONLY</u>	
	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u> <u>REVENUE</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
ASSETS					
Cash	\$79,311	\$9,095	\$ -	\$ 88,406	\$139,147
Accounts Receivable	<u>11,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,618</u>	<u>10,188</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$90,929</u>	<u>\$9,095</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$100,024</u>	<u>\$149,335</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,719	\$ 3,525
Garnishments	-	-	-	-	308
Pending Forfeitures	<u>-</u>	<u>3,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,975</u>	<u>3,455</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,719	3,975	-	11,694	7,288
 FUND EQUITY					
Fund Balance Unreserved	<u>83,210</u>	<u>5,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,330</u>	<u>142,047</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$90,929</u>	<u>\$9,095</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$100,024</u>	<u>\$149,335</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Statement

MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1997

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			<u>TOTALS</u>	
	<u>COST</u>	<u>BOND FORFEITURE</u>	<u>DRUG ENFORCEMENT</u>	<u>MEMORANDUM ONLY 1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
REVENUES					
Bond Forfeitures	\$ -	\$19,053	\$ -	\$ 19,053	\$ 12,675
Drug Seizures	-	-	-	-	4,253
Fees and Commissions	110,541	-	-	110,541	96,416
Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>939</u>
Total Revenues	<u>110,541</u>	<u>19,617</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>130,280</u>	<u>114,283</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Overtime Compensation	26,356	-	-	26,356	16,400
Advertising	3,097	-	-	3,097	6,138
Automobile Expenses	610	-	-	610	4,725
Badges	335	-	-	335	454
Belts and Holsters	547	-	-	547	329
Bullet Proof Vests	670	-	-	670	-
Clothing Allowance	8,250	-	-	8,250	7,900
Computer Expenses	19,886	-	-	19,886	4,530
Drug Education Programs	-	-	419	419	351
Dues and Subscriptions	1,085	-	-	1,085	862
Emergency Equipment	6,330	-	-	6,330	8,345
Equipment Maintenance	311	-	-	311	187
Handcuffs and Cases	869	-	-	869	207
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Marshal's Reimbursed Cost	-	-	-	-	50
Nightsticks	101	-	-	101	-
Office Equipment and Furniture	43,239	-	-	43,239	-
Office Expense	5,048	-	-	5,048	6,017
Office Facilities	15,897	-	-	15,897	-
Photography Expenses	239	-	-	239	100
Pistols	1,179	-	-	1,179	485
Postage	3,883	-	-	3,883	4,669
Printing and Binding	2,524	-	-	2,524	3,557
Professional Fees	3,200	-	-	3,200	3,200
Radio Equipment	1,534	-	-	1,534	128

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1997

	GENERAL FUND			TOTALS	
	COST	BOND FORFEITURE	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	MEMORANDUM ONLY 1998	1997
EXPENDITURES - continued					
Radio Maintenance	\$ 318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318	\$ 2,212
Reference Books and Publications	4,036	-	-	4,036	4,422
Security Equipment	7,290	-	-	7,290	207
Shotguns and Ammunition	2,516	-	-	2,516	76
Telephone	7,880	-	-	7,880	7,646
Training and Seminars	4,365	-	-	4,365	1,005
Transportation	8,717	-	-	8,717	7,080
Travel and Meetings	1,492	-	-	1,492	3,327
Uniforms	<u>1,774</u>	-	-	<u>1,774</u>	<u>884</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>183,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>183,997</u>	<u>95,493</u>
 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	 (73,037)	 19,617	 (297)	 (53,717)	 18,790
 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	 <u>95,804</u>	 <u>40,826</u>	 <u>5,417</u>	 <u>142,047</u>	 <u>123,257</u>
 FUND BALANCE - ENDING	 <u>\$ 22,767</u>	 <u>\$60,443</u>	 <u>\$5,120</u>	 <u>\$ 88,330</u>	 <u>\$142,047</u>

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MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1997

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE <u>FAVORABLE</u> <u>(UNFAVORABLE)</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>
REVENUES				
Bond Forfeitures	\$ -	\$ 19,053	\$ 19,053	\$ 12,675
Fees and Commissions	95,000	110,541	15,541	96,416
Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>861</u>
Total Revenues	<u>95,000</u>	<u>130,158</u>	<u>35,158</u>	<u>109,952</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries and Overtime Compensation	18,100	26,356	(8,256)	16,400
Advertising	5,000	3,097	1,903	6,138
Automobile Expenses	5,000	610	4,390	4,725
Badges	500	335	165	454
Belts and Holsters	600	547	53	329
Bullet Proof Vests	600	670	(70)	-
Clothing Allowance	8,000	8,250	(250)	7,900
Computer Expenses	25,000	19,886	5,114	4,530
Dues and Subscriptions	900	1,085	(185)	862
Emergency Equipment	1,500	6,330	(4,830)	8,345
Equipment Maintenance	500	311	189	187
Handcuffs and Cases	200	869	(669)	207
Marshal's Reimbursed Cost	-	-	-	50
Nightsticks	100	101	(1)	-
Office Equipment	39,829	43,239	(3,410)	3,022
Office Expense	3,000	5,048	(2,048)	2,995
Office Facilities	10,000	15,897	(5,897)	-
Photography Expenses	300	239	61	100
Pistols	1,500	1,179	321	485
Postage	5,000	3,883	1,117	4,669
Printing and Binding	3,000	2,524	476	3,557
Professional Fees	4,000	3,200	800	3,200
Radio Equipment	5,000	1,534	3,466	128

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MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND TYPES - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1997

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	1997 <u>ACTUAL</u>
EXPENDITURES - continued				
Radio Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 318	\$ 1,182	\$ 2,212
Reference Books and Publications	4,500	4,036	464	4,422
Security Equipment	5,000	7,290	(2,290)	207
Shotguns and Ammunition	1,000	2,516	(1,516)	76
Telephone	8,000	7,880	120	7,646
Training and Seminars	2,500	4,365	(1,865)	1,005
Transportation	8,000	8,717	(717)	7,080
Travel and Meetings	2,000	1,492	508	3,327
Uniforms	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,774</u>	<u>(574)</u>	<u>884</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>171,329</u>	<u>183,578</u>	<u>(12,249)</u>	<u>95,142</u>
 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	 (76,329)	 (53,420)	 22,909	 14,810
 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	 <u>136,630</u>	 <u>136,630</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>121,820</u>
 FUND BALANCE - ENDING	 <u>\$ 60,301</u>	 <u>\$ 83,210</u>	 <u>\$ 22,909</u>	 <u>\$136,630</u>

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MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND
LIABILITIES - AGENCY FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>ADDITION</u>	<u>DEDUCTION</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
<u>GARNISHMENT FUND</u>				
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ <u>308</u>	\$ <u>371,971</u>	\$ <u>372,279</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
LIABILITIES				
Garnishments	\$ <u>308</u>	\$ <u>371,971</u>	\$ <u>372,279</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>308</u>	\$ <u>371,971</u>	\$ <u>372,279</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

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MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OCTOBER 31, 1998

(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Reporting Entity - The Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana (the Marshal) is a component unit of the City/Parish Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana. The Marshal is an elected official and serves six year terms. The Marshal is charged with the responsibility of conducting policing and security functions for the City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana. Operations of the Marshal's office are funded by court costs charged by the City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana attributable to the performance of the Marshal's duties.

The Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana prepares its financial statements in accordance with the standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB 14 has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the City/Parish Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana. The accompanying statements present only transactions of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana, a component unit of the City/Parish Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Annually the City/Parish Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana issues general purpose financial statements which should include presentation of the activities contained in the accompanying financial statements.

Fund Accounting - The accounts of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are summarized by providing a separate set of self - balancing accounts which include its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenses or expenditures. The following funds are presented in this report:

Governmental Fund Type

General Fund - This type of fund is the general operating fund of the Marshal. The General Fund is financed through court costs and commissions as well as bond forfeitures earned by the Marshal. Resources of the fund are used to supplement the cost of operating the Marshal's office.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
OCTOBER 31, 1998

(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Special Revenue Fund - This type of fund is used to account for the Marshal's revenues which are legally restricted for use in drug enforcement and education. This fund is financed through a sixty percent (60%) allocation of monies seized in drug related arrests.

Fiduciary Fund Type

Agency Fund - This fund is used to account for assets held by the Marshal as agent. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Agency Fund is used for the collection of court - ordered judgements. The Marshal charges an administrative fee and remits all other funds to the respective creditors.

Basis of Accounting - Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - The Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana is required to adopt an annual budget for the General Fund. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

a. Each year, prior to November 1, the Marshal prepares and adopts a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

b. The budget must be revised and approved by the Marshal for any increase in budgetary expenditures.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
OCTOBER 31, 1998

(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

c. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

Comparative Data - Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Marshal's financial position and operations.

Total Columns on Combined Statements - 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 cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Such data is not comparable to a consolidation.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(B) CASH

As of October 31, 1998, all cash balances of the Marshal were fully insured by the FDIC.

(C) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Marshal's daily operations are financed through court costs and commissions as well as bond forfeitures earned from providing services to the City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana, a component unit of the City/Parish Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana. Amounts due to the Marshal for rendering such services totaled \$11,618 at October 31, 1998.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
OCTOBER 31, 1998

(D) LEASES

Included in transportation expenditures are monthly vehicle lease payments. The lease is a forty-eight (48) month operating lease requiring lease payments of \$463 per month beginning December 1, 1995 and expiring November 30, 1999. Future minimum payments under the new lease are as follows:

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31:

1999	\$ 5,556
2000	<u>463</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,019</u>

(E) YEAR 2000 ISSUE

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.

The Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, 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 daily operations. Based on this inventory, the Marshall is in the remediation stage for the financial reporting systems as of October 31, 1998. Testing and validation of the systems will need to be completed to determine the compliance of the hardware and software currently in use.

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 Marshal is or will be Year 2000 ready, that the Marshal's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the Marshal does business will be year 2000 ready.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Marshall
City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Marshal-City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana, a component unit of the Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended October 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Marshal-City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana's 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 the following instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards:

Amendment of Budgets

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1310 requires that budgets be adopted for General and Special Revenue funds and that amendments be made and properly adopted when variance to budget amounts are in excess of five (5) percent. The Marshal failed to adequately amend the budget for the General Fund.

We recommend that the Marshal periodically review the actual revenues and expenditures compared to budgeted figures and amend the budget as necessary to comply with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Marshal-City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana'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 would not necessarily disclose all matters in 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 and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Marshal-City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana, the Consolidated Government of Lafayette, Louisiana, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Certified Public Accountants

January 13, 1999

MARSHAL - CITY COURT OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
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LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998

We have audited the financial statements of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana as of and for the year ended October 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 1999. 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 Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements of October 31, 1998 resulted in a qualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. *Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements*

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No

Reportable Conditions Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

Section II Financial Statement Findings

Finding No. 98-1 (Budgetary Amendments)

Criteria: Budgets must be properly adopted and amended for all general and special revenue fund types.

Statement of Condition: The Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana failed to adequately amend the budget of the General Fund in order to comply with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

Effect of Condition: The condition has no effect on the financial statements of the Marshal - City Court of Lafayette, Louisiana.

Cause of Condition: Management did not periodically compare budgetary to actual figures.

Questioned Costs: None.

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Recommendation: Management should periodically review the actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted figures and amend the budget as necessary to comply with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
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SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
No prior year findings.	
SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
No prior year findings.	
SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER	
No prior year findings.	

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MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1998

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
<p><u>Finding No. 98-1 (Budgetary Amendments)</u></p> <p>Management should periodically review budgeted to actual revenues and expenditures and make budgetary amendments as necessary.</p>	<p>The staff accountant in the Marshal's office will immediately input the budgetary figures into the new accounting package which will allow for and facilitate the budget versus actual comparison on a monthly basis. The Marshal will then adopt budgetary amendments when line items reach an unfavorable variance of five percent (5%) or more.</p>
SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
None	
SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER	
None	