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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY, LOUISIANA

**REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

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Section 8 Program

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Department of Housing and Urban
Development

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program as 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 Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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, and provisions of 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 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.

As described in Note A, the authority's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This report is intended solely for filing with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is not intended for any other purpose.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program as of December 31, 1997 and the results of its operations and changes in its surplus for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note A.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 25, 1999 on our consideration of Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statement of the Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Estes and Associates

Fort Worth, Texas
May 25, 1999

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 1987

	Governmental Fund Types				Excessy Fund Types		Account Groups		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Purposes	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Fund Types	Trust and Agency	General Fund Assets	General Long-Term Debt	
Due from Other governments	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION B PROGRAM
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
 ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (Continued)
 DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Types			Account Groups		
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total and Agency	General Fund Assets	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Majoritarian Only)		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
LIABILITIES										
Due to:										
Other governments	\$	\$58,711	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$58,711	
Total Liabilities	0.00	58,711	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58,711	
FUND EQUITY										
Fund Balance:										
Unassigned		1,262.29							1,262.29	
Total Fund Equity	0.00	1,262.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,262.29	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	

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VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types				Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenues	Debt Services	Capital Projects	
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental	\$	\$ 42,402.18	\$	\$	\$ 42,402.18
Interest		168.00			168.00
Total Revenues	0.00	42,570.18	0.00	0.00	42,570.18
EXPENDITURES					
Administration		9,874.80			9,874.80
Housing assistance payments		34,594.70			34,594.70
Total expenditures	0.00	44,479.50	0.00	0.00	44,479.50
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0.00	(1,909.32)	0.00	0.00	(1,909.32)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)					
Operating transfers in					0.00
Operating transfers out					0.00
Total other financing sources(uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year		3,282.79			3,282.79
FUND BALANCE, end of year	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,373.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,373.47

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1997

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Housing Authority of Vernon parish Police Jury Section 8 Program (the Authority), a public corporate body, was organized for the purpose of providing decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income.

The Authority is engaged in the acquisition, modernization, and administration of low-rent housing. In addition, the Authority has administrative responsibility for various other community development programs whose primary purpose is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income.

The Authority is administered by a governing Board of Commissioners (the Board), whose members are appointed by the Police Jury. Each member serves a five-year term on a rotating basis. Substantially all of the Authority's revenue is derived from subsidy contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Contributions Contracts entered into by the Authority and HUD provide operating subsidies for Authority-owned public housing facilities, housing assistance payments for eligible individuals, and receipt of annual debt service requirements for HUD-related long-term debt.

(1) Financial Reporting Entity

Generally accepted accounting principles require that the financial statements present the accounts and operations of the Authority and its component units, entities for which the Authority is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the Authority's operations and data from these units, if any, are combined with data of the Authority. Each discretely presented component unit, if any, would be reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the Authority. As of December 31, 1997, and for the fiscal year then ended, the Authority had no discretely presented component units or any component units required to be blended in these financial statements.

(2) Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Authority are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. The various funds are grouped by type and broad categories in the financial statements as follows:

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 6 PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 1997

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(3) Fund Accounting (continued)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Authority are financed. The measurement focus is on determination of financial position and changes in financial position rather than on net income determination. The following are the Authority's governmental fund types:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Authority. The General Fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the Authority which are not properly accounted for in another fund. All general operating revenues which are not restricted or designated as to their use by outside sources are recorded in the General Fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of interest, principal, and related costs of general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of major capital facilities.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the Authority as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The following is the Authority's fiduciary fund type:

Agency Funds - Agency Funds include Tenant Security Deposit Fund. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of result of operations.

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 1997

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

ACCOUNT GROUPS

Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for the Authority's general fixed assets and general long-term debt for governmental fund types. These are not "funds." They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position and not with results of operations. The following are the Authority's account groups:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is established to account for all fixed assets of the Authority.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - This account group is established to account for all long-term debt of the Authority.

(4) Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. All Governmental and Agency Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Revenues are considered "measurable" when received in cash, except for certain revenues which are accrued when they are both measurable and available or have not been received at the normal time of receipt. Certain grant revenues are accrued when funds are expended. Revenues susceptible to accrual are federal grants, interest on investments, and other miscellaneous revenues which are both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Agency Funds are custodial in nature and do not measure results of operations. They are clearing accounts whose assets at all times are equally offset by related liabilities.

(5) Budgetary Data

The Authority is required by its HUD Annual Contributions Contracts to adopt annual budgets for the Low-Rent Housing Program, included in the General Fund, and all Assisted Housing (Section 8) Programs, included in Special Revenue Funds. Annual budgets are not required for Capital Projects Funds as their budgets are approved for the length of the project. Both annual and project length budgets require grantor approval.

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION B PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 1997

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Authority is under a limited budget review from HUD with the control category of total operating expenditures. If there are no overruns of the total operating expenditures, then HUD does not require budget revisions other than when there are substantial additions to nonroutine expenditures, such as reinstatement of prior-year encumbrances. The Board and HUD must approve fund appropriation increases. Any unused appropriations lapse at year-end. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board and HUD.

The original budget has been amended throughout the year to reflect changes in revenue and expenditure estimates.

The budget is prepared on a statutory (HUD) basis and does not contain a provision for uncollectible tenant receivables. The difference is not considered materially different from generally accepted accounting principles.

(6) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The entity defines cash and cash equivalents to include certificates of deposit, money market funds, savings accounts, and demand deposits.

(7) Tenant Receivables

Receivables for rentals and service charges are reported in the General Fund, net of allowances for doubtful accounts amounting to \$ -0- at December 31, 1997.

(8) Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the Authority has numerous transactions between funds to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. These transactions are generally reflected as operating transfers except for transactions reimbursing a fund for expenditures made by it for the benefit of another fund. Such transactions are recorded as expenditures in the disbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures in the receiving fund.

(9) General Fixed Assets

General Fixed Assets have been acquired for general governmental purposes. Assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the Governmental Funds and capitalized at cost in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Contributed fixed assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time received. Depreciation is not recorded on general fixed assets. Public domain general fixed assets (infrastructure) consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems, are capitalized along with other general fixed assets.

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 1987

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Costs of completed Modernization projects are reported as construction-in-progress until audited cost certification reports are submitted to HUD, at which time such costs are transferred to the appropriate property categories.

(10) General Long-Term Debt

All long-term indebtedness of the Authority is accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and is intended to be paid through the Debt Service Fund.

(11) Compensated Absences

Authority employees accrue personal leave, or compensated absences, by a prescribed formula based on length of service. The cost of this has not been accrued due to immateriality.

(12) 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 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.

NOTE B - ACTIVITIES OF THE PHA

At December 31, 1987, the PHA was managing 18 units of voucher under Program FVH - 2277.

NOTE C - CONTINGENCIES

The entity is subject to possible examinations by federal regulators who determine compliance with terms, conditions, laws and regulations governing grants given to the entity in the current and prior years. These examinations may result in required refund by the entity to federal grantees and/or program beneficiaries.

NOTE D - USE OF ESTIMATES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The preparation of these financial statements requires the use of estimates by management. No significant estimates have been made by management that require disclosure.

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION B PROGRAM
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Amended Funding Programs	
	Weather Program	Total
ASSETS		
Debt float	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Other funds	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Assets		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Other funds	\$ 890.17	\$ 890.17
Other governments	890.17	890.17
Total liabilities		
FUND EQUITY		
Unreserved and undesignated	1,209.29	1,209.29
Total fund equity		
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Assisted Housing	
	Voucher Program	Total
REVENUES		
Intergovernmental	\$42,402.19	\$42,402.19
Interest	168.00	168.00
Total Revenues	42,570.19	42,570.19
EXPENDITURES		
Administration	9,974.50	9,974.50
Housing assistance payments	34,595.15	34,595.15
Total Expenditures	44,570.65	44,570.65
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,999.54)	(1,910.50)
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	3,282.79	3,282.79
FUND BALANCE, end of year	\$ 1,283.25	\$ 1,283.29

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

BALANCE SHEET — STATUTORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 1997ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
FW — 2077ASSETS

Accounts receivable - HUD - Exhibit D	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Accounts payable - other	\$	<u>650.71</u>
Total Liabilities		650.71
Surplus - Exhibit C		<u>1,349.29</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION B PROGRAM
 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES – STATUTORY BASIS
 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
FY – 2027

	Year Ended
	02-01-07
Operating Income	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Operating Income - Exhibit D	<u>0.00</u>
Operating Expenses	
Administration	9,449.50
Housing assistance payments	34,934.10
Independent public accountant audit costs	<u>525.00</u>
Total Operating Expense - Exhibit D	<u>44,478.60</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(44,478.60)</u>
Other Credits	
Prior year adjustments - affecting residual receipts	<u>166.00</u>
Total Other Credits	<u>166.00</u>
Net Loss - Exhibit C	\$ <u>(44,312.60)</u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION B PROGRAM

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS — STATUTORY BASIS
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
FR — 2277Unreserved Surplus

Balance per prior audit at 12-31-96	\$	(171,889.31)
Adjustment for 12-31-96 year-end settlement		(58,641.96)
Recapture of reserves per HUD letter		104,311.27
Net loss for the year ended 12-31-97 - Exhibit B		(44,312.60)
(Provision for) reduction of Operating Reserve for year ended 12-31-97 - Exhibit C		1,910.50
(Provision for) reduction of Project Account for year ended 12-31-97 - Exhibit C		(52,902.00)
Balance at 12-31-97		<u>(201,524.10)</u>

Reserved Surplus - Operating Reserves

Balance per prior audit at 12-31-96		3,202.69
Provision for (reduction of) Operating Reserve for the year ended 12-31-97 - Exhibit C		(1,910.50)
Balance at 12-31-97	\$	<u>1,292.19</u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS — STATUTORY BASIS
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
EW — 2377

<u>Project Account</u>		
Balance per prior audit at 12-31-95	\$	45,907.31
Adjustment for 12-31-96 year-end settlement		63,541.95
Receipts of reserves per HUD letter		(104,311.27)
Provisions for (reduction of) Project Account for year ended 12-31-97 - Exhibit C		<u>52,968.00</u>
Balance at 12-31-97		<u>39,179.00</u>
<u>Cumulative HUD Contributions</u>		
Balance per prior audit at 12-31-95		125,951.90
Annual contribution for year ended 12-31-97 - Exhibit D		<u>42,402.10</u>
Balance at 12-31-97		<u>168,354.00</u>
Total Surplus - Exhibit A	\$	<u><u>1,352.29</u></u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM
 COMPUTATION OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS EARNED AND
 PROJECT ACCOUNT — OPERATING RESERVE CHARGES
 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
FW — 2077

		Year Ended
		<u>12-31-87</u>
Maximum Contribution Available		
Maximum annual contribution authorized	\$	65,304.00
Project account balance at beginning of fiscal year		<u>10,233.00</u>
Total Annual Contribution Available		<u>75,572.00</u>
Annual Contribution Required		
Housing assistance payments		34,504.10
Administrative fee		7,273.00
IPA costs		<u>625.00</u>
		42,402.10
Project receipts other than annual contribution		<u> </u>
Total Contribution Required - Exhibit C		<u>42,402.10</u>
Excess in Annual Contribution Available	\$	<u>33,169.90</u>
Year-end Settlement		
Annual contribution due for fiscal year		42,402.00
Total partial payments received by PHA for fiscal year		<u>40,359.00</u>
(Over) Under Payment Due (HUD) PHA	\$	<u>2,043.00</u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

COMPUTATION OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS EARNED AND
PROJECT ACCOUNT — OPERATING RESERVE CHARGES
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT

FW — 8277

	Year Ended
	<u>12-31-97</u>
State of Project Account	
Project account balance at the beginning of fiscal year	\$ 10,268.00
Increase (decrease) during fiscal year - Exhibit C	<u>22,902.00</u>
	<u>33,170.00</u>
Provision for Operating Reserve	
Operating receipts	
Operating income - Exhibit B	0.00
Annual contributions earned	42,432.10
Prior year adjustments - affecting residual receipts	<u>166.00</u>
	42,598.10
Operating Expenditures	
Operating expenses - Exhibit B	<u>44,478.60</u>
	<u>44,478.60</u>
Residual receipts (deficit) before provision for operating reserve	(1,880.50)
Audit adjustments - booked out	
(Provision for) reduction of operating reserve - Exhibit C	<u>(1,810.50)</u>
Residual receipts (deficit) per PHA	\$ <u>0.00</u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM
 ANALYSIS OF GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE
 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT
PW - 2277

Composition Before Adjustments	
Net operating receipts retained:	
Operating reserves - Exhibit D	\$ <u>1,352.39</u>
	1,352.39
 Adjustments	
Expenses/costs not paid:	
Accounts payable	650.71
Imbalance	(0.10)
 Income not received:	
Accounts receivable	<u>(2,003.00)</u>
 General Fund Cash Available	<u>0.00</u>
 General Fund Cash - Exhibit A	\$ <u>0.00</u>

VERNON PARISH POLICE JURY SECTION 8 PROGRAM

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>CFDA NO.</u>	<u>GRANT ID NO.</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM EXPENDITURES</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Direct Programs:				
Section 8 Hap -				
Voucher	14.177	FW- 2277	\$ <u>42,402.10</u>	\$ <u>42,402.10</u>
Major Program Total			<u>42,402.10</u>	<u>42,402.10</u>
Total HUD			\$ <u>42,402.10</u>	\$ <u>42,402.10</u>

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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 Governmental Auditing Standards**

Housing Authority of the
Vernon Parish Police Jury
Section 8 Program

We have audited the financial statements of the Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program'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 a 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 *Governmental Auditing Standards* or the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Vernon Parish Police Jury Section 8 Program'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 audit committee, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Estes and Associates

Fort Worth, Texas

May 25, 1998