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Dear Mr. Perkins:

Pursuant to your request of June 16, 1971, we are enclosing a report on our financial audit of the Office of Economic Opportunity grant to the Dallas Legal Services Foundation, Inc., to operate a Legal Services program in Dallas County, Texas.

Our audit, which included an examination into selected financial transactions and internal controls for the period March 1, 1971, to May 31, 1971, showed that expenditures of grant funds, for the most part, had been for authorized purposes. Some improvements were needed, however, in:

1. Maintaining personnel records and adhering to prescribed personnel practices.
2. Accounting for payroll, travel, and trustee cash.
3. Maintaining the required ratio of non-Federal contributions to total program expenditures.
4. Controlling accountable property.
5. Adhering to the requirement that expenditures be charged to the grant year in which they are incurred.

The improvements needed in the administration of grant funds were brought to the attention of foundation officials, who stated that corrective action would be taken.

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or public announcement has been made by you concerning the contents of the report.

Sincerely yours,

  
Comptroller General  
of the United States

Enclosure

The Honorable Carl D. Perkins  
House of Representatives