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Report to the Congress; by Elmer B. Staats, Comptroller General.

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Organization Concerned: House of Representatives: Majority Printing Clerk; David R. Ramage, Inc.

Congressional Relevance: House Committee on House Administration; Senate Committee on Rules and Administration; Congress.

Authority: Legislative Branch Appropriation Act [of] 1978 (P.L. 95-94). H. Res. 295 (78th Cong.).

The Majority Printing Clerk operates as David R. Ramage, Inc., a firm organized and incorporated to provide printing and related services for Members of the House of Representatives. The Printing Clerk supplies official printing to the majority leadership at no charge and offers, for a fee, printing and related services to Members of Congress, congressional committees, State societies, and political organizations. Findings/Conclusions: An audit was conducted of the Majority Printing Clerk in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including an examination of the accounting records for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1977. Financial statements were prepared from the accounting records of David R. Ramage, Inc. The statements, which were prepared on a basis consistent with that of preceding years, present fairly the financial position of the Majority Printing Clerk at August 31, 1977, and the results of its operations and changes in its financial position for the year then ended. (RES)

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BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

Report To The Congress

OF THE UNITED STATES

**Audit Of The Majority Printing
Clerk, House Of Representatives,
For The Fiscal Year Ended
August 31, 1977**



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AUGUST 9, 1978



COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

We audited the accounts of the Majority Printing Clerk, House of Representatives, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1977, pursuant to section 451 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (40 U.S.C. 193m-1).

GENERAL COMMENTS

The position of Majority Printing Clerk originated from House Resolution 295 (July 7, 1943, 78th Cong.), which (1) authorized employment of a clerk in charge of printing for the majority caucus room and (2) provided that the clerk be

--designated by the majority leader and

--compensated at the rate of \$2,000 per annum from appropriated funds.

Over the years, the amount of the Majority Printing Clerk's compensation has increased from \$2,000 to \$15,650, the amount appropriated by the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978 (Public Law 95-94, Aug. 5, 1977).

The Majority Printing Clerk operates as David R. Ramage, Inc., a firm organized and incorporated on February 13, 1970, primarily to provide printing and related services for Members of the House of Representatives.

The Majority Printing Clerk's offices and printing plant are in the west underground garage of the House of Representatives. The Printing Clerk supplies official printing to the majority leadership at no charge and offers, for a fee, printing and related services to Members of Congress, congressional committees, State societies, and political organizations.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

We made our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. It included an examination of the accounting records for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1977, and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We prepared the accompanying financial statements (schs. 1, 2, and 3) from the accounting records of David R. Ramage, Inc. The income and expense statement (sch. 2) includes the costs of printing services supplied to the majority leadership at no charge, but does not include (1) the costs of certain benefits and services such as space, utilities, and ordinary building repairs and maintenance furnished to the corporation without charge or (2) the annual salary of the Majority Printing Clerk, which is paid from appropriated funds.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements (schs. 1, 2, and 3), which were prepared on a basis consistent with that of preceding years and in accordance with the financial arrangements described above, present fairly the financial position of the Majority Printing Clerk, operating as David R. Ramage, Inc., at August 31, 1977, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

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The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 requires that the results of our audit be reported to the Congress. Accordingly, copies of this report are being furnished to cognizant congressional committees. A copy of this report is being sent to the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives and copies will be available to Members and the public.



Comptroller General
of the United States

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

DAVID R. RAMAGE, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AUGUST 31, 1977 (note a)

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash		\$25,270.78
Pension plan escrow		27,927.68
Relocation contingency fund		21,611.86
Accounts receivable--trade		88,885.29
Accounts receivable--other		8,056.07
Franchise and income tax payments	\$ 47,275.00	
Less: Estimated franchise and income taxes for fiscal year 1977	<u>23,100.00</u>	
Estimated excess tax payments (note b)		24,175.00
Note receivable (note c)		15,000.00
Inventory (cost)		25,428.78
Prepaid expenses		<u>2,604.99</u>
Total current assets		\$238,960.45

FIXED ASSETS:

Printing equipment	126,481.13	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>65,044.00</u>	
		61,437.13
Station wagons	11,904.32	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>8,451.02</u>	
		3,453.30
Furniture and equipment	1,490.50	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,146.91</u>	
		<u>343.51</u>

Total fixed assets

65,233.94

TOTAL ASSETS

\$304,194.39

GAO note: The accompanying notes on page 6 are an integral part of this statement.

Our opinion on this statement appears on page 2 of the letter.

SCHEDULE 1

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$ 54,050.02
Pension plan payable	25,841.92
Accrued taxes	758.50
Accrued salaries	3,298.65
Unearned income	<u>275.99</u>

Total liabilities

\$ 84,225.08

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Capital stock-- common:

\$10 par value;
5,000 shares
authorized;
100 shares
issued and
outstanding

1,000.00

Retained earnings:

Balance at be-
ginning of
fiscal year

\$160,575.10

Fiscal year 1976

tax refunds

11,383.04

Net income for

fiscal year

47,011.17

Balance at end of

fiscal year

218,969.31

Total stockholder's
equity

219,969.31

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

\$304,194.39

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE 2

DAVID R. RAMAGE, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1977 (notes a and d)

NET SALES			\$901,001.48
PRINTING EXPENSES:			
Camera supplies	\$ 18,383.52		
Depreciation (straight-line method)	10,697.31		
Express and postage	168.47		
Leased equipment	11,315.46		
Material and paper	280,687.02		
Repairs and parts	4,694.16		
Salaries	217,040.39		
Taxes	13,720.97		
Subcontracts	110,402.33		
Type, composition, and ink	18,749.28		
Union pension fund	3,798.40		
Union welfare fund	9,665.25		
Union training fund	190.40		
Total printing expenses			<u>699,512.96</u>
Gross profit from sales			201,488.52
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:			
Accounting fees	4,426.92		
Station wagons	1,961.34		
Contributions	150.00		
Depreciation (straight-line method)	2,428.75		
General expenses	2,457.06		
Employee pension plan	25,973.00		
Promotion	3,439.38		
Insurance	17,264.66		
Officers' salaries	53,500.00		
Office salaries	16,474.00		
Taxes	4,712.47		
Bad debts	759.04		
Legal fees	300.00		
Telephone	481.17		
Travel	357.82		
Total administrative expenses			<u>134,685.61</u>
Net operating profit			66,802.91
NONOPERATING INCOME:			
Interest income	4,123.29		
NONOPERATING EXPENSE:			
Interest expense	\$ 99.35		
Loss on retirement of assets	<u>715.68</u>		
		<u>815.03</u>	<u>3,308.26</u>
Net income before taxes			70,111.17
ESTIMATED FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAXES:			
District of Columbia	7,300.00		
United States	<u>15,800.00</u>		
Total estimated franchise and income taxes			<u>23,100.00</u>
Net income			<u>\$ 47,011.17</u>
EARNINGS PER SHARE			\$ 470.

GAO note: The accompanying notes on page 6 are an integral part of this statement.

Our opinion on this statement appears on page 2 of the letter.

DAVID R. RAMAGE, INC.STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITIONFISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1977 (note a)

FUNDS PROVIDED:

Net sales	\$901,001.46
Interest income	4,123.29
Fiscal year 1976 tax refunds	<u>11,383.04</u>
Total funds provided	<u>\$916,507.81</u>

FUNDS APPLIED:

Costs (excluding depreciation and other items not requiring outlay of funds)	\$844,271.86
Purchase of printing equipment	26,474.70
Increase in working capital	<u>45,761.25</u>
Total funds applied	<u>\$916,507.81</u>

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITALFOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1977Increase or decrease(-)

WORKING CAPITAL CHANGES:

Cash	\$ 13,228.61
Pension plan escrow	9,198.12
Relocation contingency fund	1,299.36
Accounts receivable--trade	-30,679.01
Accounts receivable--other	7,211.92
Estimated excess tax payments	24,175.00
Notes receivable	8,000.00
Inventory (cost)	5,455.21
Prepaid expenses	112.20
Accounts payable	12,423.64
Pension plan payable	-2,795.77
Accrued taxes	-524.58
Accrued salaries	-1,095.26
Unearned income	<u>-248.19</u>

NET INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	<u>\$ 45,761.25</u>
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DAVID R. RAMAGE, INC.NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTSAUGUST 31, 1977a/Significant accounting policies:

The books are maintained on a cash basis throughout the course of the fiscal year and converted to an accrual basis at the end of the fiscal year.

Depreciation is provided at rates based on estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The lives generally used are as follows:

Printing equipment--new	10 years
Printing equipment--used	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	10 years
Station wagons	3 years

Inventory is stated on the statement of financial condition at cost.

b/Excess tax payments to be refunded or applied against subsequent years' taxes.c/Loan at 6.75-percent interest to a subcontractor corporation due July 31, 1978.d/Does not include the cost of certain benefits and services--such as space, utilities, and ordinary building repairs and maintenance (which are furnished to the corporation without charge) or the printing clerk's salary (\$15,580.51)--paid from appropriated funds.