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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

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FILE: Governor's Justice Commission

Pennsylvania Crime Commission Audit Report

A review of the audit report (copy attached) by the Pennsylvania Auditor General on March 26, 1973 reveals:

1. The audit covers two fiscal years ending June 30, 1971 and June 30, 1972, with some supplemental data as of December 31, 1972.
2. Funds available to the Commission during this period were:

	<u>State</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Prior	\$ 12,798	\$	\$ 12,798
FY 71	226,000	340,000 (A)	566,000
FY 72	<u>110,000</u>	<u>706,395 (B)</u>	<u>816,395</u>
	<u>\$348,798</u>	<u>\$1,046,395</u>	<u>\$1,395,193</u>

(A) Grant No. DA-014-70
(B) Grants Nos. DA-014-70, DF-673-71 and DS-187-71A

Thus the Federal share was 76% of the total funds available.

3. The report cited 32 program and operational deficiencies (see pages 14-17 for list), most of which pertain to fiscal matters. These reflect extremely loose and poor management; and, obviously, the Justice Commission did not exercise the proper guidance and monitoring of these funds.
4. To cite one of the deficiencies, subgrant No. DS-187-71A was funded for \$440,000; however, expenditures were \$511,915, an over-expenditure of \$71,915. The Crime Commission has no source of funds, except the Justice Commission grants and the Commonwealth's matching share. The manner of covering this over-expenditure had not been resolved at the time of the audit.

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5. Dean V. Sheaffer, Acting Director of the Bureau of Investigations, Department of Justice, was carried on the payroll of the Crime Commission, however, reimbursement had been made by Justice to the Commission.

VICTOR KARYCKI, Auditor General's Office, advised that Sheaffer was assigned full time to the Bureau of Investigations, Department of Justice, about March 17, 1971 and was its Acting Director while he was on the payroll of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission. On June 27, 1973, he resigned from the Crime Commission and, on June 28, 1973, he was appointed as a Special Investigator III in the Bureau of Investigations and its Acting Director, and placed on the Bureau's payroll effective that date. Mr. Karycki said that reportedly the Crime Commission had been reimbursed on a regular basis for Mr. Sheaffer's salary from March 17, 1971 to June 27, 1973; however, his office had not actually verified this. Likewise, he could not say that LEAA funds had been made whole in this regard.