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RESPONSE TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES INSPECTOR GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION OF JANUARY 5, 2001

Pursuant to your Board's order of January 7, 1997, I am responding to the following recommendation of the Children's Services Inspector General:

Children's Services Inspector General Background Statement

This evaluation should incorporate unannounced visits to the facility at various times to ensure compliance with applicable safety standards, including appropriate staffing levels.

Inspector General's Recommendation

1. **The Department of Children and Family Services be ordered to investigate and evaluate whether the Seeger Circle JM Group Home provides adequate supervision for the children in their care, and take appropriate action as necessary (CSIG # 400).**

Department of Children and Family Services Response

The Auditor-Controller conducted a review of Seeger Circle JM Group Home in October 2000. The purpose of that review was to verify that Seeger Circle JM Group Home is providing the services outlined in its Program Statement and is in compliance with licensing regulations and basic child safety protocols. The Auditor-Controller found no staffing discrepancies. However, the results of that review requires Seeger Circle JM Group Home to create a corrective action plan

and implement changes to their physical plant and change existing procedures to comply with the Program Statement and Title 22.

Additionally, the Department of Children and Family Services has recently initiated a separate investigation as to whether the agency provides adequate supervision to the children entrusted to their care. Specific areas to be assessed include, but are not limited to, the staffing levels throughout the day.

If indicated by the results of the investigation, appropriate action will be effected.

Status: In progress:

Target date for completion: March 30, 2001

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or your staff may contact Michelle Saulters at (213) 351-5787.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
Office of the Children's Services Inspector General