Dear Secretary Massinga:

In accordance with Article 41, Section 15CB of the Annotated Code, I hereby approve the reorganization of the Income Maintenance Administration proposed in the letter from the Department of Human Resources dated December 27, 1982. This approval extends only to the structural aspects of the proposal. Specific personnel or budgetary items remain, of course, subject to the normal administrative processes.

I endorse these changes which implement the changes required by federal law designed to reduce the AFDC error rate and to establish an internal auditing function as recommended by the Legislative Auditor.

                              Sincerely,
                              Harry Hughes
                              Governor

                              December 27, 1982

The Honorable Harry Hughes
Governor
State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Hughes:

Executive Order 01.01.1980.03 which was approved by the General Assembly in 1980, established an Income Maintenance Administration (IMA) separate from the Social Services Administration in the Department of Human Resources. The purpose of this separation was to improve the management and supervision of the State's public assistance programs. In February 1982 a detailed reorganization plan was approved for IMA. That plan created six (6) offices within IMA reporting to the Executive Director. These offices are the Office of AIMS (Automated Income Maintenance System), Office of Program Integrity, Office of Program Support, Office of Administrative Services, Office of Public Assistance and Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Since the implementation of the reorganization in February 1982, there have been additional federal and state mandates which the state has been asked to address. These include changes in federal law regarding AFDC error rate reduction and a recommendation by the State's Legislative Auditor to establish an internal auditing function. To implement these mandates and in accordance with Article 41 § 15CB of the Annotated Code, the following organization of IMA is proposed.

The six offices described above would be retained. Two