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Revised Baseline Projection of
Paper Ready Jail Backlog, FY 1995-2000

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Note from the Director

The Criminal Justice Policy Council has revised the March 9, 1995 baseline projection to include the impact of:

- Two additional 500 bed TDCJ units converted to TYC capacity (one by September 1996 and one by September of 1997);
- Recent policy changes by the TDCJ Board concerning the award of good time; and,
- Changes in the correctional construction schedule.

As in the last projection, the baseline assumes the "maximum utilization of capacity." This means that section 499.155 of the Texas Government Code will have to be modified to allow TDCJ to house offenders in transfer facilities longer than twelve months. It also assumes that state jail facilities will be used as transfer facilities to the extent that state jail capacity exceeds the number of state jail felons. Section 507.006(c) of the Texas Government Code will have to be modified during the present or next legislative session to allow this to happen after September 1, 1997. If these provisions are not changed, the "current law" paper ready backlog projection by August 1998 will be close to 29,000 as opposed to the 15,000 reported here.

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Projections FY 1995-2000

*Projected County Jail "Paper Ready" Backlog by Month
FY 1995 - FY 1997*

FY 1995		FY 1996		FY 1997	
Sep '94	*	Sep '95	0	Sep '96	566
Oct '94	*	Oct '95	0	Oct '96	1,651
Nov '94	*	Nov '95	0	Nov '96	2,539
Dec '94	*	Dec '95	0	Dec '96	3,212
Jan '95	*	Jan '96	0	Jan '97	4,016
Feb '95	*	Feb '96	0	Feb '97	4,788
Mar '95	18,932	Mar '96	0	Mar '97	5,539
Apr '95	17,640	Apr '96	0	Apr '97	6,313
May '95	11,031	May '96	0	May '97	7,068
Jun '95	8,277	Jun '96	0	Jun '97	7,822
Jul '95	350	Jul '96	0	Jul '97	8,593
Aug '95	0	Aug '96	0	Aug '97	9,331

*Projected County Jail "Paper Ready" Backlog by Fiscal Year
FY 1995 - FY 2000*

August 1995	0
August 1996	0
August 1997	9,331
August 1998	15,363
August 1999	14,056
August 2000	11,889