

8. On September 15, 1978 the internal audit department of the City of Hartford began an audit of the expenditures of certain city funds by the Community Development Energy Corp.

9. The report in question is a statement of the findings of a certain city auditor based upon the status of his investigations relating to such audit as of October 4, 1978.

10. Such report is completed although the governmental audit, of which it is a part, is not yet concluded.

11. Several separate reports, containing findings, have been prepared by other individuals within the internal audit department of the City of Hartford based upon the requested October 4, 1978 report.

12. Several city public officials are the subject of the requested October 4, 1978 report. These officials have been provided with copies of the same in order to allow them a period of time in which to refute the contents of such report.

13. Many other city officials have been provided with copies of the requested report. Several such officials were given the October 4, 1978 report because they had some responsibility over the funds that are the primary subject of the governmental audit begun on September 15, 1978.

14. The requested October 4, 1978 audit report is found not to constitute a preliminary draft or note within the meaning of §1-19(b)(1), G.S.

15. Such report is further found to constitute a public record within the meaning of §1-18a(d), G.S.

16. It is concluded that the respondents have denied the complainant his right to promptly receive a copy of such public record, as required by §1-15, G.S.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The respondent shall within one (1) day of receipt of notice of Final Decision hereof provide the complainant with a plain copy of the October 4, 1978 report.



Commissioner Helen M. Loy

as Hearing Officer