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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Alex Penelas, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

The Honorable Gwen Margolis, Chair
and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Christopher Mazzella
Inspector General

Date: March 5, 2002

Re: OIG Final Audit Report of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department's Consulting
Services Agreement with Paramedia U.S.A. Inc.

By way of background, on May 22, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), after considerable deliberation, voted to award Paramedia U.S.A. Inc. an additional one-year extension on its consulting services contract with Miami-Dade County. [May 22, 2001, Agenda Item No. (6)(A)(1)(B)] During these deliberations, I assured the Board that the OIG, upon the conclusion of its review, would submit a final report to this Board. Attached is that report.

At present, the Consulting Services Agreement between the County and Paramedia for the operation of a Miami International Airport European Office has been terminated. On November 22, 2001, the Aviation Department elected to cancel the contract pursuant to the authority granted it under Article 1.2 of the Agreement.

Cc: Mr. Steve Shiver, County Manager
Mr. Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager
Ms. Angela Gittens, Director, Aviation Department
Ms. Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit and Management Services Department

Mr. Guillermo Freixas, Manager
Paramedia U.S.A Inc.

Clerk of the Board
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