

DREYFUS CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME INC
Form 40-17F2
March 12, 2003

Independent Accountant's Report

To the Board of Directors
Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc.

We have examined management's assertion about
Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc.'s

(the "Company") compliance with the requirements of
subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment
Company Act of 1940 ("the Act") as of
May 31, 2001, with respect to securities and
similar investments reflected in the investment account
of the Company, included in the accompanying Management
Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Provisions of
the Investment Company Act of 1940. Management is
responsible for the Company's compliance with those
requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on
management's assertion about the Company's compliance
based on our examination.

Our examination was made in accordance with standards
established by the American Institute of Certified Public
Accountants and accordingly, included examining, on a
test basis, evidence about the Company's compliance with
those requirements and performing such other procedures
as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Included
among our procedures were the following tests performed
as of May 31, 2001, and with respect to
agreement of security and similar investments purchases
and sales, for the period from February 28, 2001
(the date of last examination) through May 31, 2001;

Count and inspection of all securities and similar investments
located in the vault of Mellon Bank in New York, without
prior notice to management;

Confirmation of all securities and similar investments held by
institutions in book entry form (i.e., the Federal Reserve Bank
of Boston, the Depository Trust Company and the Participant
Trust Company);

Reconciliation of confirmation results as to all such securities
and investments to the books and records of the Company and
Mellon Bank;

Confirmation of all repurchase agreements, if any, with
brokers/banks and agreement of underlying collateral with
Mellon Bank's records;

Agreement of investment purchases and sales or maturities
since our last examination from the books and records of the
Company to broker confirmations.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis
for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal
determination on the Company's compliance with specified
requirements.

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In our opinion, management's assertion that Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc. was in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of May 31, 2001 with respect to securities and similar investments reflected in the investment account of the Company is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc. and the Securities and Exchange Commission and should not be used for any other purpose.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York
July 27, 2001

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-17f-2

Certificate of Accounting or Securities and Similar
Investments in the Custody of
Management Investment Companies

Pursuant to Rule 17f-2 [17 CRF 270.17f-2]

1. Investment Company Act File Date examination
Number: completed:
811- 5653 07/27/01

2. State Identification Number:

AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	CO
CT	DE	DC	FL	GA	HI
ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY
LA	ME	MD	MA	MI	MN
MS	MO	MI	NE	NV	NH
NJ	NM	NY	NC	ND	OH
OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD
TN	TX	UT	VT	VA	WA
WV	WI	WY	PUERTO		
			RICO		

Other
Specify:

3. Exact name of investment company as specified in registration statement:
4. Address of principal executive office: (number, street, city, state, zip code) 200 Park Avenue, 55th Floor , New York, NY 10166

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INSTRUCTIONS

The Form must be completed by investment companies that have custody of securities or similar investments

Investment Company

1. All items must be completed by the investment company.
2. Give this Form to the independent public accountant who, in compliance with Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law, examine securities and similar investments in the custody of the investment company.

Accountant

3. Submit this Form to the Securities and Exchange Commission and appropriate state securities administrators when filing the certificate of accounting required by Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law. File the original and one copy with the Securities and Exchange Commission's principal office in Washington D.C., one copy with the regional office for the region in which the investment company's principal business operations are conducted, and one copy with the appropriate state administrator(s), if applicable.

THIS FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Management Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940

We, as members of management of Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc. (the "Company"), are responsible for complying with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2, "Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies," of the Investment Company

Act of 1940. We are also responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over compliance with those requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Company's compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 as of May 31, 2001.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Company was in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of May 31, 2001 with respect to securities and similar investments reflected in the investment account of the Company.

Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc.

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By:

/s/Jim Windels
Jim Windels,
Treasurer
The Dreyfus Corporation