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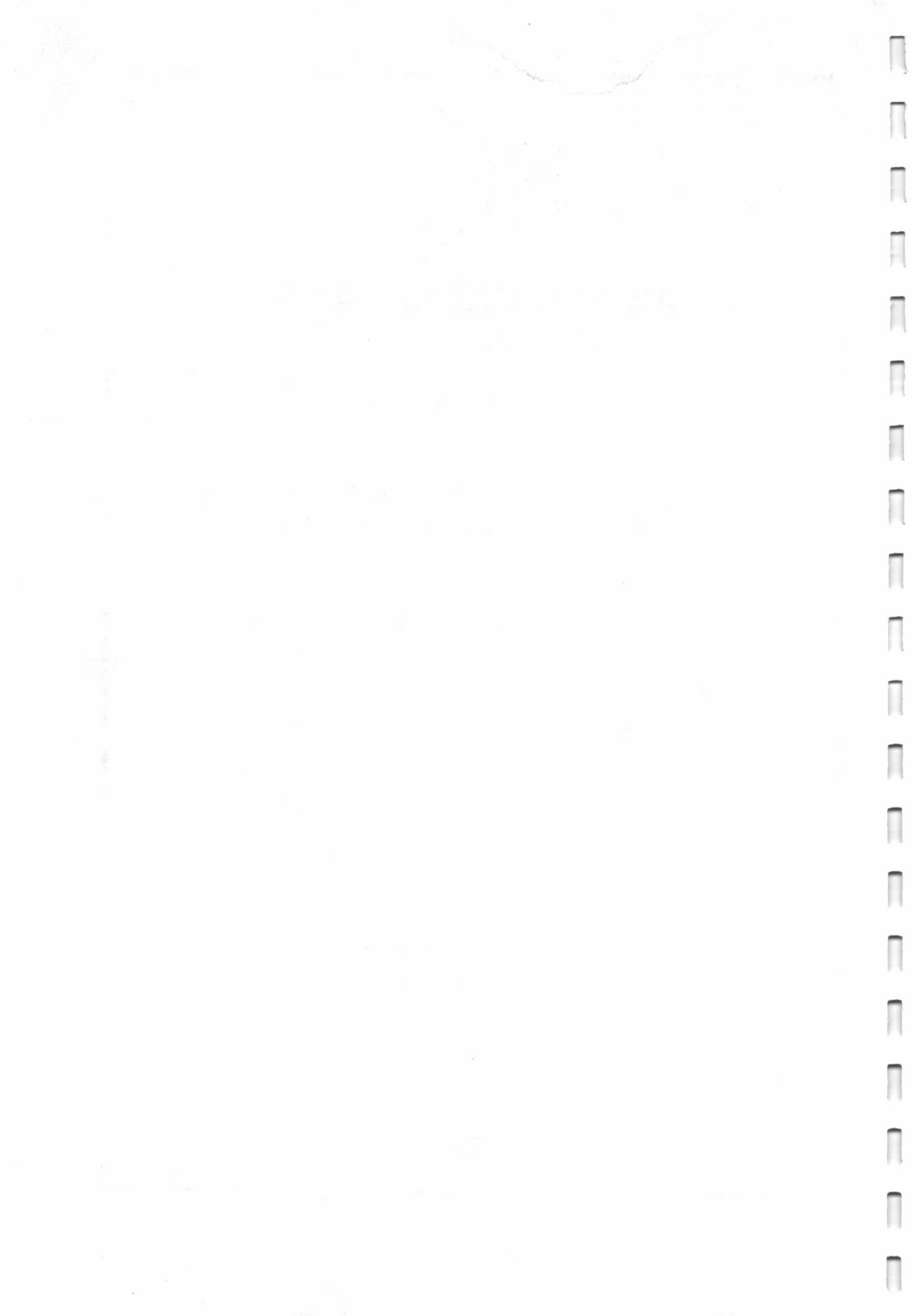
REPORT ON THE

STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

OF THE BANK OF GHANA

FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND
HALF YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1995
AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1995

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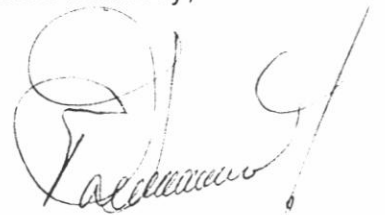
18th October, 1996.

Dear Rt. Hon. Speaker,

In accordance with Article 184(3) of the 1992 Constitution, I have the honour to submit to you my report on the Statements of Foreign Exchange Receipts and Payments of the Bank of Ghana for the first and second half year periods ended 31st December, 1995, for consideration by Parliament.

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the co-operation accorded the audit team by the Governor of the Bank of Ghana and his staff as well as the staff of other public sector organisations in the course of the audit.

Yours faithfully,



AUDITOR-GENERAL
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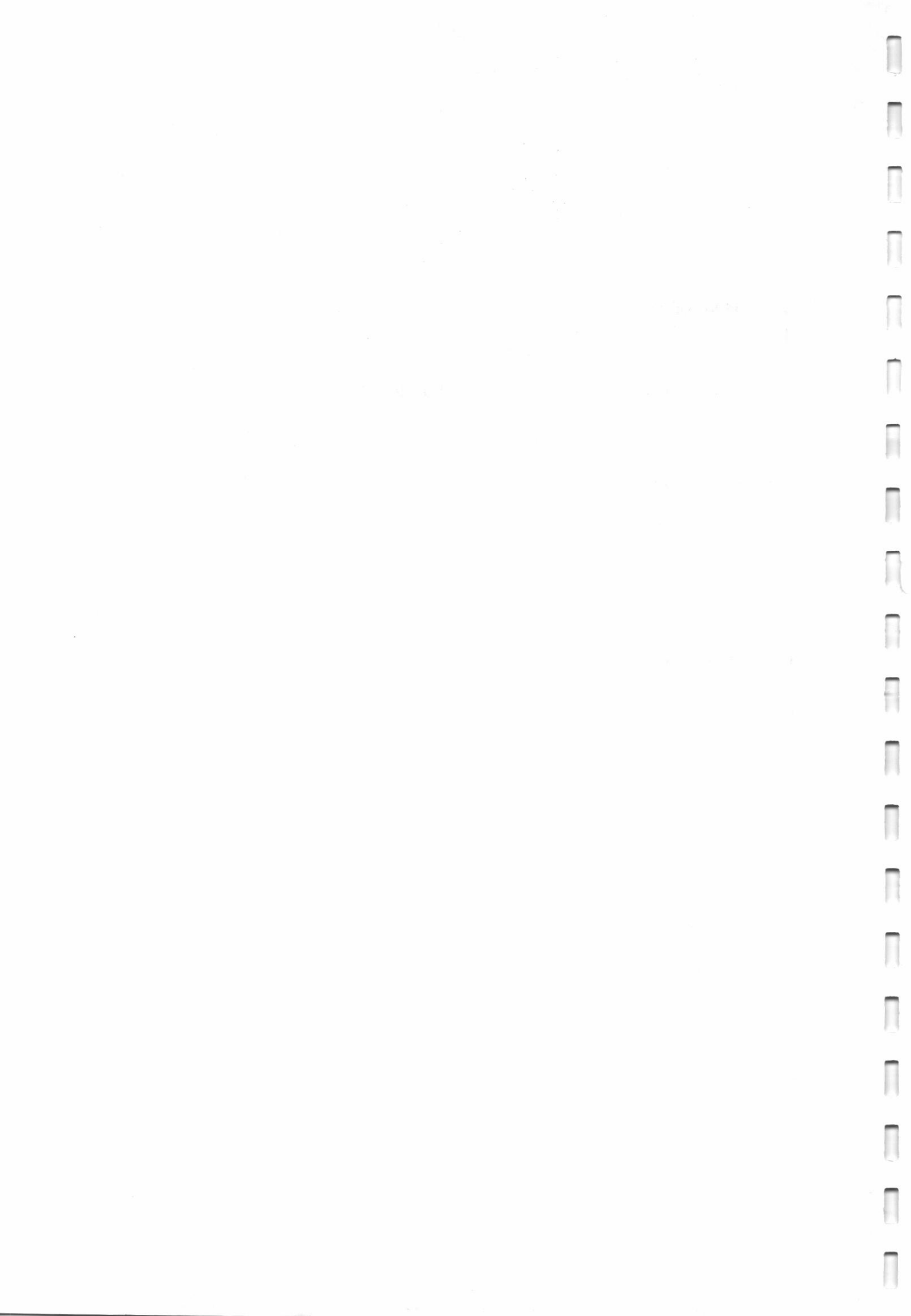
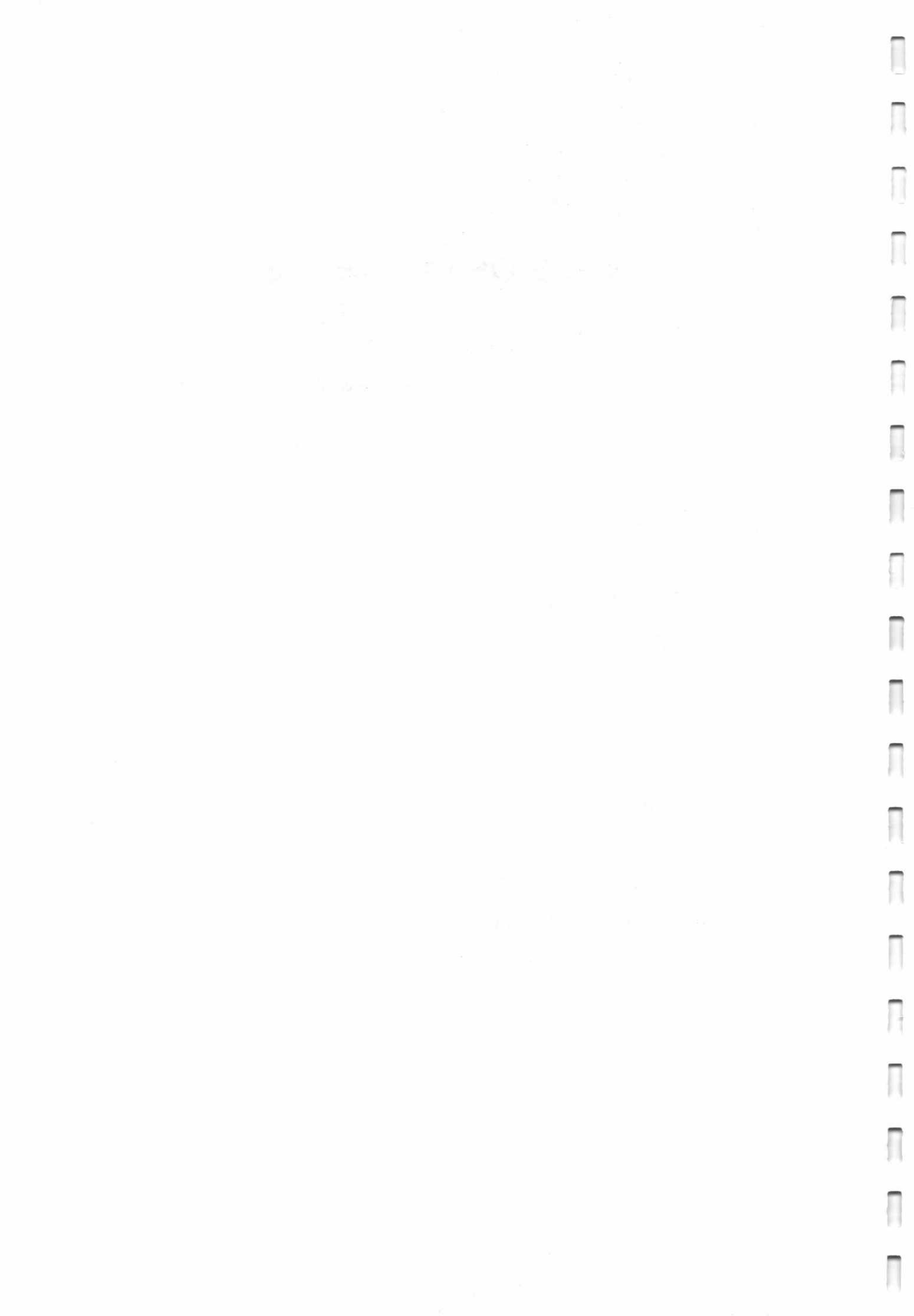


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**AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE STATEMENTS OF
FOREIGN EXCHANGE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
OF THE BANK OF GHANA FOR THE FIRST AND
SECOND HALF YEAR OF 1995**

INTRODUCTION

We have in accordance with Article 184(3) of the 1992 Constitution audited the Foreign Exchange Receipts and Payments Statements of the Bank of Ghana for the two consecutive half year periods ended 30th June and 31st December 1995.

2. We also reviewed as part of the audit the external accounts of public and private sector organizations authorised by Bank of Ghana to operate such accounts with Ghana Commercial Bank, London, and Memorandum Accounts detailing the export earnings of dealer commercial banks.

3. We discussed our audit observations and recommendations with key schedule officers of the Bank prior to forwarding the draft report to Bank of Ghana (BOG), Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MFEP) and the Controller and Accountant-General (CAG) for their comments. However, only BOG responded and this was taken into account in compiling this report.

4. The report has been divided into three parts as follows:

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| Part I | - | Analysis of foreign exchange transactions of the Bank of Ghana, foreign exchange earnings of the dealer commercial banks and movements in the external accounts of public sector organisations. |
| Part II | - | Management issues requiring follow up action by Bank of Ghana and other Government Agencies. |
| Part III | - | Other matters relating to loan facilities. |

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

5. The main findings in the report are as summarised below:

PART ONE**FOREIGN EXCHANGE RECEIPTS AND
PAYMENTS OF THE BANK OF GHANA****Total Foreign Exchange Receipts**

- (i) Total foreign exchange received by the Bank during 1995 amounted to US \$1,359,734,623.61, made up of US \$436,044,217.83 for the first half and US \$923,690,405.78 for the second half.

Total Foreign Exchange Payments

- (ii) Total foreign exchange payments made during 1995 amounted to US \$1,348,940,806.93. Payments during the first half year period was US \$666,883,565.01 while those of the second half came to US \$682,057,241.92.

(iii) **Operational Results**

The Bank recorded an excess receipts of US \$10,793,817 over payments during the two half years under review.

PART TWO**MANAGEMENT ISSUES****Monitoring of External Accounts of MDAs**

- (iv) Details of transactions in external accounts operated by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government (MDAs) were not adequately disclosed to BOG to ensure transparency and effective audit review.