GUIDELINES FOR VISITATION SCHEDULES

TYPE A

These are cases in which the parent's skills and circumstances are near equal. The parents reside on the same island and in reasonable proximity of each other. The child(ren) are at least three (3) years old. If possible, state pick-up and drop-off times in all visitation schedules.

- 1. <u>Alternate Weekends</u> with each parent. One night per week from after school to an agreed time of return. If no agreed time of return, then no later than 7:00 p.m. This is subject to the age of the child(ren) and his/ her regular bedtime.
- 2. <u>Telephone Contacts</u> from daily to once a week at reasonable hours. Reasonable hours are determined by the age of the child(ren) and the child(ren)'s usual daily activities schedule.
- 3. <u>Vacations:</u> One week of Christmas school break each year, alternating the first and second week. The first week will include Christmas Eve and day. The second week will include New Year's Eve and day.

<u>Summer Vacations:</u> Maximum one-half of summer with alternate weekends to the other parent. The child(ren) will be returned to the non-custodial parent one week prior to the start of school. State the number of weeks.

Spring Vacations: One-half of spring vacation. State number of days if possible.

4. Holidays:

- a. Alternate Easter, Thanksgiving and Halloween.
- b. Child(ren)'s birthday. Parents to share one-half of child(ren)'s birthday or alternate.
- c. Father's Day with Father and Mother's Day with Mother. Same with parent's birthdays.
- d. On extra state and federal holidays the parents will alternate yearly or it can go to whomever has made weekend with the children.
- 5. Reports: The parents will share medical and school reports at appropriate times. Whomever has the reports will share the reports with the other parent.
- 6. Whenever possible the parent who has the child(ren) will take the child(ren) to his/her weekend activities that are important to the child(ren) (e.g., team sports, birthday parties, etc.).

TYPE B

Theses are cases in which the parent's skills and circumstances are near equal. The child(ren) are at least three (3) years old. One parent reside in another state or island.

1. <u>Unlimited Correspondence</u> and up to daily telephone contacts at reasonable hours. Reasonable hours are determined by the child(ren)'s age and the child(ren)'s usual activities schedules.

2. Vacations:

- 1. <u>Christmas:</u> Entire vacation in alternate years with the return of the child(ren) to the custodial parent at least two (2) days prior to the date school begins.
- 2. <u>Spring:</u> Alternate years.
- 3. <u>Summer:</u> Depending on the age of the child, the maximum summer visitation period will be two (2) months. Both parents should be flexible regarding the child(ren)'s summer activities. The child(ren) should be returned at least one week prior to the start of the school year.
- 3. <u>Special Accessibility</u> to the child(ren) if the visiting parent comes to the child(ren)'s usual-area of residence. The visiting parent must give at least two (2) weeks notice prior to the scheduled visitation. The visitation should take into account the child(ren)'s usual school activity schedule, if any. At a minimum weekend and one day during the week from after school to reasonable right return on the same day.

4. Reports:

- 1. Medical and school reports at least quarterly or as appropriate.
- 2. Annual reports by the custodial parent to the parent or as appropriate for children with handicaps or special needs.

TYPE C

For children below the age of three (3), visitation should be as frequent as possible, at least once a week if on the same island. Conditions need to be determined on the factors described in Appendix 1.