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NEWS RELEASE

Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz announced yesterday that John Roberts, one of the principals in the presentation of the Woodstock Festival in August at White Lake, New York, has made available to the Attorney General's office from his personal funds the sum of \$15,000 to reimburse ticket purchasers who were prevented from attending the festival by circumstances beyond their control.

At the same time, the Attorney General announced that he has completed the inquiry conducted by his office and found no intentional wrongdoing or deception with respect to those who were unable to use the tickets. He said Mr. Roberts had cooperated fully with his office. The inquiry was initiated by the Attorney General following receipt of complaints from some ticket purchasers.

According to the Attorney General, more than 400 ticket-holders will receive payment from the funds provided by Mr. Roberts. The price of tickets ranged from \$7 for one day; \$13 for a two-day set, and \$18 for a three-day set.

The sum of money provided will be returned to those who had filed and will file complaints with his office at 80 Centre Street, New York City, attention Assistant Attorney General David Clurman not later than December 8, 1969, as soon as processing is completed and validity of claims is verified. Processing will require the submission of an affidavit on forms to be supplied by the Attorney General's office. The total number of claims will determine whether the reimbursement will be full or partial.

"The inquiry conducted by my office under the direction of Assistant Attorney General Clurman has been concluded with the satisfaction that many persons who were unable to obtain access to the festival to which they had purchased tickets will be reimbursed," Attorney General Lefkowitz said.

The inquiry indicated that complaints were received from all over the United States, although most were from New York residents.

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