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#### PUTNAM FEDERAL INCOME TRUST

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March 2, 1994

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Putnam Federal Income Trust (Reg. No. 33-3903) (811-4617)  
(the "Fund")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 497(j) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned hereby certifies on behalf of the Fund that the form of Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information that would have been filed on behalf of the Fund pursuant to Rule 497(c) upon the effectiveness of Post-Effective Amendment No. 10 to the Fund's Registration Statement on Form N-1A (the "Amendment") would not have differed from that contained in the Amendment, which is the most recent amendment to such Registration Statement and was filed electronically on February 24, 1994.

Comments or questions concerning this certificate may be directed to Steven E. Asher at 1-617-292-1159.

Very truly yours,

Putnam Federal Income Trust

/s/ Gordon H. Silver

By: -----

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