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Att: Mr. Stanley Seidenfeld

Dear Mr. Seidenfeld:

In response to your letter of August 7, supplementary to the exemption information that we filed with the U.S. Department of Education in the 1970's, we state that our religious tenets require us to admit only male students and to hire only male faculty. We claim exemption from all regulations or portions thereof which are inconsistent with those tenets. Based on our review and understanding of 34 C.F.R. Part 106, those regulations include without limitation: sections 106.21, 106.22, 106.23, 106.51, 106.52, 106.53, 106.55 and 106.59. Exemption from those sections renders inapplicable all other regulatory provisions that assume admission of students of both sexes or employment of faculty of both sexes.

I hope this letter will clarify all matters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Abba Osina
Executive Administrator