



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

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Dr. E. Harold Fisher
President
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Dear President Fisher:

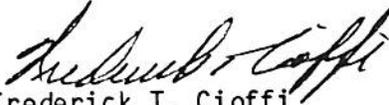
The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education (OCR/ED) is in the process of resolving a number of pending requests for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. OCR recently reviewed your request and determined that we need further information to make a decision to grant an exemption.

On March 25, 1985, OCR forwarded a request for more information to Blue Mountain College, specifying that your letter did not provide sufficient information for OCR to make a determination. Blue Mountain College did not provide information regarding the religious organization that controls your institution, the religious tenets of the controlling organization, or the regulations that are in conflict with your religious tenets. OCR received no response to this initial request for more information and issued a second request on July 3, 1985. OCR's second request letter indicated that if we did not hear from you within 30 days, we would assume that Blue Mountain College no longer had need of a religious exemption to the Title IX regulation.

OCR has not received a response to either request for information. We are assuming that your institution no longer desires a religious exemption. Therefore, OCR has closed your request file. If you determine in the future that your institution requires a religious exemption from Title IX, you will need to submit a new request letter to the Atlanta Regional Office for Civil Rights. The address is:

William H. Thomas
Regional Civil Rights Director
Office for Civil Rights, Region IV
Department of Education
101 Marietta Street, N.W., 27th Floor
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Sincerely yours,


Frederick T. Cioffi
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Office for Civil Rights

cc: William H. Thomas, Regional Civil Rights Director, Region IV