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Dr. Cordell Maddox  
President  
Carson-Newman College  
Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760

Dear President Maddox:

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 institution's 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 Carson-Newman College specifying that the request letter did not provide sufficient information for OCR to make a determination. There was insufficient information regarding the religious tenets of your controlling organization that conflict with the regulation. 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 Carson-Newman 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  
Atlanta, Georgia 30323

Sincerely yours,

Frederick T. Cioffi  
Acting Director  
Policy and Enforcement Service  
Office for Civil Rights

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