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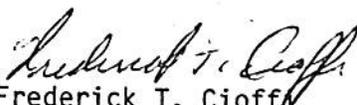
Dr. Craven E. Williams
President
Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, North Carolina 28017

Dear President Williams:

We appreciate receiving the letter from Mr. Barry D. Hartis, Vice President for Business and Finance, informing the Office for Civil Rights of the status of your institution's request for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Based on Mr. Hartis' statement that "it is no longer necessary that Gardner-Webb College apply for a Religious Tenets Exemption under Title IX[,] " we have closed your request file.

If you have any questions in the future regarding a Title IX religious exemption, please do not hesitate to contact the Atlanta Regional Office for Civil Rights.

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