



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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Dr. Bill Williams  
President  
Grand Canyon College  
3300 West Camelback Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85017

Dear President Williams:

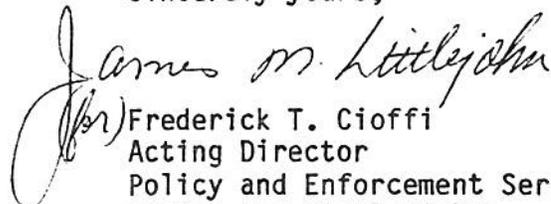
The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education (OCR/ED) is in the process of resolving a number of pending requests for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. OCR recently reviewed a request filed by Grand Canyon College and determined that we needed further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

On April 24, 1985, OCR sent a request for more information to you, specifying that the original request did not provide sufficient information for OCR to make a determination. Grand Canyon College provided insufficient information regarding the specific sections of the Title IX regulation from which an exemption is desired and the tenets of the Southern Baptist Church with which these regulations conflict. OCR received no response to this initial request for more information and sent a second request on July 3, 1985. OCR's second request letter indicated that if we did not hear from you within 30 days that we would assume that Grand Canyon College no longer had need for 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:

John E. Palomino  
Acting Regional Civil Rights Director  
Office for Civil Rights, Region IX  
Department of Education  
221 Main Street, 10th Floor  
San Francisco, California 94105

Sincerely yours,

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

cc: John E. Palomino, Acting Regional Civil Rights Director, Region IX