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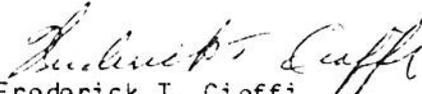
Dear President Svendsbye:

The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education (OCR/ED) recently notified you that OCR had closed the Seminary's request file, regarding a religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, because the Seminary had not responded to OCR's requests for additional information. The letter was prepared prior to my receiving the Seminary's letter withdrawing the request for religious exemption.

We appreciate receiving the letter from Mr. Layne Haugen, Business Manager, which stated that the "Seminary does not intend to continue its attempt to acquire such exemption." Mr. Haugen's letter confirms that OCR's closure of the request file was in accordance with your intentions regarding religious exemption.

If you have questions in the future regarding religious exemption, please do not hesitate to contact the Chicago Regional Office for Civil Rights.

Sincerely yours,

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

cc: Linda A. McGovern, Acting Regional Civil Rights Director, Region V