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Dr. Robert F. Sassen  
President  
University of Dallas  
University of Dallas Station  
Irving, Texas 75062-4799

Dear President Sassen:

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 May 31, 1985, OCR forwarded a request for more information to the University of Dallas, specifying that your institution's letter did not provide sufficient information for OCR to make a determination. There was insufficient information regarding religious tenets or institution practices based on religious tenets that conflict with specific sections of the Title IX regulation. OCR received no response to this initial request for more information and issued a second request on July 18, 1985. OCR's second request letter indicated that if we did not hear from you within 30 days, we would assume that the University of Dallas 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:

Taylor D. August  
Regional Civil Rights Director  
Office for Civil Rights, Region VI  
Department of Education  
1200 Main Tower Building, Suite 400  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Sincerely yours,

*James M. Littlejohn*  
Frederick T. Cioffi  
Acting Director  
Policy and Enforcement Service  
Office for Civil Rights

cc: Taylor D. August, Regional Civil Rights Director, Region VI