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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE SECRETARY

TO: Chief Operating Officer
Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

FROM: The Secretary

SUBJECT: Delegations of Administrative Authorities

I. DELEGATION OF Authority

Under the authority vested in me by Section 412 of the Department of Education Organization Act, Public Law 96-88, 20 U.S.C. § 3472, as amended, I hereby delegate to you, your successor in function, and to anyone serving for you in an acting capacity, the following administrative authorities, as conveyed to Principal Officers for their respective areas of responsibility (copies attached), to be exercised with respect to the area of responsibility of the Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs.

	<u>Certification Date</u>	<u>Authority Delegated</u>
A.	9/18/80	Authority to Close Committee Meetings to the Public
B.	9/4/92	Authority Under 34 CFR, Part 8 Regarding Demands for Testimony
C.	6/14/94	Authority to Approve and Sign Certain Federal Register Documents (See additional authorities below.)
D.	11/7/95	Authority to Accept Gifts of Travel From ED Employees
E.	7/31/96	Authority to File Written Objections to OPM Under 5 U.S.C. 3595 (b) (3) (B)
F.	8/20/96	Authority to Approve State Plans, Consolidated State Plans, State Applications, and Consolidated State Applications
G.	9/29/97	Authority to Suspend/Remove/Terminate Employees for Reasons of Suitability Under 5 CFR 315 and 731

- H. 5/18/98 Authority to Approve Premium Pay for Year 2000 Conversion Activities^s
- I. 7/22/98 Authority to Assert Deliberative Process Privilege as a Basis for Withholding Documents or Testimony

In addition to the list of documents that may be approved and signed by Principal Officers for publication in the Federal Register in Subsection C above, I also delegate to you, your successor in function, and to anyone serving for you in an acting capacity, the authority to approve and sign the following additional documents for publication in the Federal Register:

1. Routine closing date notices for student financial assistance programs; and
2. Notices of accreditation status pursuant to an applicable statute (for example, see Section 10I of the Higher Education Act, as amended).

Unless otherwise noted in future delegations of authority, amendments to the authorities delegated herein are included within the scope of this delegation.

11. RESERVATIONS

Unless otherwise noted, the reservations noted in the actual delegation documents remain in effect.

III. REDELEGATION

The redelegations of the authorities and restrictions on redelegations in the actual delegation documents remain in effect.

IV. CERTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This delegation is effective upon certification by the Department's Principal Delegations Control Officer.

I hereby ratify actions within the scope of this delegation taken by you prior to the date of certification.

_____Richard Riley_