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Dear Mr. Pena:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., on March 17, 2000, to review, among other things, the report of the Commission on Higher Education regarding the accreditation activities undertaken by the Medical Accreditation Council (MEAC), the accrediting body for medical schools in the Philippines. The NCFMEA formally accepted the report submitted by the Commission.

As part of its decision, the NCFMEA requested that the Commission provide annual reports describing MEAC's accreditation activities with respect to the medical schools in the Philippines. The next annual report will be due to the United States Department of Education by January 15, 2001, for review by the NCFMEA at its spring 2001 meeting.

Please send the annual report that is due by January 15, 2001, to the Director of Accreditation and State Liaison at the address below. If you have any questions concerning the nature of the information that the NCFMEA is seeking, please feel free to contact the Director by phone at (202) 219-7011, by fax at (202) 219-7005, or by e-mail at Karen_Kershenstein@ed.gov.

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If you would like additional information regarding the spring 2001 meeting, please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director of the NCFMEA, at (202) 219-7009 (telephone), (202) 219-7008 (fax), or Bonnie_LeBold@ed.gov (e-mail).

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter, and please contact us if you have any questions or wish any additional information.

Yours sincerely,


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