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Dear Mr. Weitman:

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 Council for Higher Education on the accreditation activities of its Committee for the Re-evaluation of Medical Schools in Israel. The NCFMEA formally accepted the Council's report.

As part of its decision, the NCFMEA requested that the Council for Higher Education submit annual reports describing its accreditation activities with respect to the medical schools in Israel. The NCFMEA also requested that the Council submit by August 1, 2000, an interim report with particular focus on its on-site reaccreditation visits and the results of those visits. The interim report will be reviewed at the next meeting of the NCFMEA, which is scheduled for September 15, 2000. The NCFMEA members also indicated that they would be most appreciative if Professor Carmi Margolis or another representative of the Council could attend the September meeting to share information on the reevaluation of Israel's medical schools.

Please send the interim report that is due by August 1, 2000, 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 September 2000 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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