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Dear Dra. Reynoso:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., on March 17, 2000, to review, among other things, two reports of the Consejo Nacional Educacion Superior (CONES) on its accreditation activities involving the medical schools in the Dominican Republic. Those reports included an annual report received in September 1999 and a status report received in January 2000. The NCFMEA formally accepted both reports submitted by CONES.

As part of its decision, the NCFMEA requested that CONES provide another annual report describing its accreditation activities with respect to the medical schools in the Dominican Republic, including information on the activities of the Association for Self-Study and Accreditation as well as a copy of the standards that the Association has established to accredit medical schools. The 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. The NCFMEA members also wish to express their appreciation to you, as well as Dr. Pedro Antonio Eduardo and Mr. Emilio Huyke, for attending the March meeting and sharing information regarding the Dominican Republic's accreditation standards and processes.

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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