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Ms. Nadica McIntyre
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health and the Environment
St. George's
Grenada, West Indies

Dear Ms. McIntyre:

In September 1996, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) determined that the medical accreditation standards used by Grenada to evaluate St. George's University School of Medicine were comparable to the standards used to evaluate programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States. On March 9, 2001, the NCFMEA reviewed the information recently provided by Grenada on its current medical accreditation standards to reassess the comparability of those standards.

I am pleased to inform you that the NCFMEA, at its March meeting, determined that the accreditation standards used by Grenada to evaluate St. George's University School of Medicine remain comparable to the standards used to evaluate programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States. Grenada's accreditation standards include: (1) the standards used by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), Office of the Professions, for the on-site review of St. George's campus as well as the on-site review of clinical clerkship sites in teaching hospitals in New York State, and (2) the standards used by Grenada's Ministry of Health and Housing for the review of clinical clerkship sites outside of New York State.

This determination of comparability by the NCFMEA has a maximum duration of six years from the date of this letter, unless the Committee withdraws, extends or renews its determination prior to that date. Before expiration of the six-year period, the NCFMEA will seek to confirm that your accreditation standards and procedures for evaluating St. George's University School of Medicine are still comparable to the accreditation standards applied to medical schools in the United States. If so, its previous determination of comparability will be extended for another period.

In an effort to keep apprised of the accreditation activities of Grenada's Ministry and the NYSED with respect to St. George's University School of Medicine, the NCFMEA has

requested that Grenada submit annual reports, with the first report scheduled for review at the March 2002 NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of the annual report is to provide the NCFMEA with a summary of accreditation activities involving St. George's University School of Medicine, including the following information:

- *Overview of accreditation activities:* A summary of key activities by the Ministry and the NYSED during the past year (January 2001-December 2001), such as accreditation reviews conducted, meetings held and accreditation decisions reached, accreditation conferences or training sessions held.
- *Summary of any changes or developments in the following areas:*
 - *Laws and Regulations:* Any changes in your country's laws or regulations affecting the accreditation of the medical school.
 - *Standards, Processes and Procedures:* Any changes in the accreditation standards, processes or procedures that the Ministry or the NYSED uses to evaluate and accredit the medical school.
- *Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:* A listing of accreditation meetings and listing of on-site visits to St. George's University School of Medicine and its clinical clerkship sites planned for January 2002 – December 2002.

The Committee asked that the next report, in addition to providing this general overview of accreditation activities, provide specific information on whether the teams responsible for conducting on-site reviews of clinical clerkship sites in Michigan and New Jersey include representatives of the State medical boards in those respective States.

Please send the annual report by January 7, 2002, to the Executive Director of the NCFMEA at the address below:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. LeBold at (202) 219-7009 (telephone), (202) 219-7008 (fax), or Bonnie_LeBold@ed.gov (e-mail).

As a result of the NCFMEA's determination that Grenada's medical accreditation standards remain comparable, St. George's University School of Medicine may continue to participate in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program as long as it continues to meet the

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eligibility criteria for program participation. If the school has any questions regarding its eligibility for participation in that loan program, it should contact the U.S. Department of Education's Foreign Schools Team at (202) 708-8820, fax (202) 205-2904.

I want to thank you for taking the time to respond to our requests for information about your standards and processes for accreditation of medical schools. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter of importance to American students wishing to study medicine in your country. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or wish any additional information.

Sincerely,

Rod Paige

cc: Ms. Michaele Samuel
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