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Dear Dr. Nathanielsz:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., on March 9, 2001, to review, among other things, the annual report submitted by the Commission on Higher Education that described the accreditation activities of the Medical Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) involving the medical schools in the Philippines.

The NCFMEA members wish to thank you for attending the March meeting to provide additional information regarding the status of medical accreditation activities in the Philippines. As you are aware, at the meeting the NCFMEA formally accepted the Commission's report. To keep informed regarding your country's accreditation activities, the Committee also requested that the Commission submit another annual report to the United States Department of Education for review at the March 2002 NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of the annual report is to provide the NCFMEA with a summary of the accreditation activities involving medical schools in the Philippines, including the following information:

- *Overview of accreditation activities:* A summary of key activities by MEAC 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 Philippine medical schools.
 - *Standards, Processes and Procedures:* Any changes in the accreditation standards, processes or procedures that the MEAC uses to evaluate and accredit medical schools in the Philippines.

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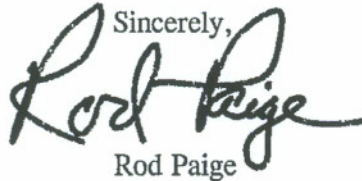
- *Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:* A listing of MEAC meetings and listing of on-site visits to medical schools planned for January 2002 – December 2002.

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

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The Executive Director will contact you in the fall of this year to provide information regarding the March 2002 meeting and more details on submission of the annual report. In the interim, 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).

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

Sincerely,

Rod Paige