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Dear Mr. Weitman:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., on September 15, 2000, to review, among other things, the report of the Council for Higher Education (Council) on the accreditation activities of its Committee for the Re-evaluation of Medical Schools (Committee) in Israel. The NCFMEA members appreciated having Professor Carmi Margolis of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev participate in the meeting as the official representative of the Council.

At the meeting the NCFMEA formally accepted the Council's report and also requested that the Council submit its next annual report to the United States Department of Education by August 1, 2001, for review at the September 2001 NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of the annual report is to provide the NCFMEA with a summary of the Council's accreditation activities, including the following information:

- *Overview of accreditation activities:* A summary of key activities by the Council and the Committee during the past year (August 2000 - July 2001), such as accreditation reviews conducted, 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 your medical schools.
 - *Standards, Processes and Procedures:* Any changes in the accreditation standards, processes or procedures that the Council and the Committee uses to evaluate and accredit medical schools in Israel.
- *Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:* A listing of Council and Committee meetings and listing of on-site visits to medical schools planned for August 2001 - July 2002.

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Please send the report to the Director of Accreditation and State Liaison at the address below. Additionally, please feel free to contact her if you have any questions concerning the nature of the information that the NCFMEA is seeking. She can be contacted at (202) 219-7011 (telephone), (202) 219-7005 (fax) and Karen_Kershenstein@ed.gov (e-mail).

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The Executive Director of the NCFMEA will contact you next year in the late spring to provide information regarding the September 2001 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.

Yours sincerely,


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