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Mr. Andrés Reyes Rodriguez  
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Dear Mr. Reyes:

On September 5, 2002, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., to review, among other things, the annual report submitted by the Consejo Nacional de Educación Superior, Ciencia y Tecnología (SEESCYT) that described its accreditation activities involving the medical schools in the Dominican Republic.

I am pleased to inform you that at the meeting the NCFMEA formally accepted the report. In order to keep informed regarding your country's accreditation activities, the Committee also requested that SEESCYT submit another annual report to the United States Department of Education for review at the September 2003 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 Dominican Republic, including the following information:

- *Overview of accreditation activities:* A summary of key activities by SEESCYT during the period covering July 2002 – June 2003, 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 SEESCYT uses to evaluate and accredit medical schools.
- *Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:* A listing of accreditation meetings and listing of on-site visits to medical schools and clinical clerkship sites planned for July 2003 – June 2004.

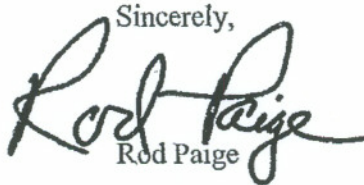
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We would appreciate receiving your report by July 1, 2003, so we have sufficient time to review the information prior to the September 2003 meeting. Please send the information to the Executive Director of the NCFMEA at the address below:

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U.S. Department of Education  
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The Executive Director will contact you in the spring of 2003 to provide information regarding the September 2003 meeting and more details on submission of the 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](mailto:Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov) (e-mail).

Thank you very much for providing information regarding your country's accreditation of its medical schools. The NCFMEA members and the U.S. Department of Education appreciate your ongoing assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Rod Paige

cc: Mr. Emilio Huyke  
Consultant to SEESCYT