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Presidente, SEESCYT
Ave. Enrique Jiménez Moya esq. Juan de Dios Ventura Simó
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Dear Mr. Reyes:

On September 11-12, 2003, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., to review materials from fourteen countries, including the 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. The NCFMEA members also acknowledged that they are scheduled to review updated information and documentation from your agency at the March 9, 2004, NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of that review will be to reassess the comparability of the standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in the Dominican Republic to those used to accredit M.D. programs in the United States.

In addition, the NCFMEA members expressed appreciation for the courtesies extended to Dr. Norman Maldonado, Dr. Raymond Caron, and Mr. Claude Denton when they visited the Dominican Republic in September 2002 to observe SEESCYT conduct an on-site review of the medical program at the Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) campus and three clinical clerkship sites in the city of Santo Domingo. Their observation of these on-site reviews was most beneficial in increasing the Committee's understanding of the standards and processes used by SEESCYT.

The Executive Director, Bonnie LeBold, will contact you shortly to provide details regarding the March 2004 meeting. 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).

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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 interest and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Paige". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Rod Paige".

Rod Paige

cc: Mr. Emilio Huyke
Consultant to SEESCYT