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Dr. Franciszka Cegielska
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Dear Dr. Franciszka Cegielska:

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 submitted by Poland's Ministry of Health that described the activities of the Accreditation Committee of Polish Universities of Medical Sciences (Accreditation Committee) involving the medical schools in Poland. The NCFMEA members appreciated having Professor M. Gembicki and Dr. Jacek S. Molicki participate in the meeting on behalf of the Ministry.

At the meeting the NCFMEA formally accepted the Ministry's report and also requested that the Ministry 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 Accreditation Committee's activities, including the following information:

- *Overview of accreditation activities:* A summary of key activities by the Accreditation 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 Poland's medical schools.
 - *Standards, Processes and Procedures:* Any changes in the accreditation standards, processes or procedures that the Accreditation Committee uses to evaluate and accredit medical schools in Poland.
- *Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:* A listing of Accreditation Committee meetings and listing of on-site visits to medical schools planned for August 2001 - July 2002.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Riley". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font. The first name "Dick" is written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Riley".

Richard W. Riley