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Re: **Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order; Oregon State University Records**

Dear Ms. Martin:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. The petition, which we received on December 6, 1988, asks the Attorney General to direct Oregon State University officials to disclose a letter from the principal of the Talmadge Middle School of Monmouth-Independence, purportedly addressed to Dr. Thomas P. Evans, Chairman of Science and Mathematics at Oregon State University, indicating the school's wish that you not continue as a student teacher at the middle school. For the reasons set forth below, we deny your petition.

In conferring with officials at Oregon State University, we ascertained that the university provided you with full access to your entire file. You were also given an opportunity to arrange to have copies made of it. The file included Dr. Evans' notes from his telephone conversation with the middle school principal concerning your performance as a student teacher, and the principal's classroom observation

notes. We also found that, although perhaps the middle school principal intended to follow up his telephone conversation with Dr. Evans with a letter, he never did so. Thus, the record that you requested does not exist. Therefore, we deny your petition.

Very truly yours,

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