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Re: Public Records Disclosure Petition

Dear Mr. Rice:

This letter responds to your petition for an Attorney General's order directing Portland State University (PSU) to produce a copy of a particular financial aid transcript, pursuant to the Public Records Law. Your petition, dated April 18, 1987, was received by the Department of Justice on April 20, 1987. For reasons explained below, your petition is denied.

You seek disclosure by PSU of a copy of a transcript of financial aid paid to you. More specifically, you seek a copy of the financial aid transcript that was sent by PSU to Central Oregon Community College (COCC). However, John Anderson, Director of Financial Aid at PSU, has told our office that the university does not have a copy of the transcript sent to COCC. We cannot order PSU to provide a copy of a document it does not have.

We are informed that PSU has offered you, and continues to offer you, access to information in your PSU student records that was used to complete the transcript, a copy of which was not retained by PSU. We recognize that you may be entitled under the Public Records Law to obtain a certified copy of the transcript from Central Oregon Community College, which reportedly is in possession of the document. PSU, however, has no copy

of that particular record. We therefore decline your request that we order PSU to furnish you with a copy of the particular record you seek to inspect.

Very truly yours,

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