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SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
Oregon University System Records

Dear Professor Harbaugh,

On January 14, 2010, we received your petition seeking an order under ORS 192.450(1) that would compel the Oregon University System (OUS) to disclose certain records to you. Specifically, you asked that we require OUS to provide you with a copy of a report, to the extent such a report exists, filed by former University of Oregon (UO) President Dave Frohnmayer disclosing a conflict of interest that you allege may have existed with regard to contracts with Phit LLC that Mr. Frohnmayer signed on behalf of UO. Also on January 14, 2010, OUS Secretary Ryan Hagemann informed you that OUS does not posses any record responsive to your request. We cannot order OUS to disclose records that it does not posses, and we consequently deny your petition.

Sincerely,

MARY H. WILLIAMS
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