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

Dear Professor Harbaugh:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition asking that we order the Oregon University System (OUS) to "provide the contracts etc. which you mention in your PRO" regarding IRS levies against Maid in Oregon. Charles Triplett, OUS Board Secretary, informs us that he did not understand your previous request to include contracts between OUS and Maid in Oregon, but rather, that your request was limited to the documents directly relating to the IRS levies. Based on your clarification dated February 11, 2011, we understand that Mr.Triplett has provided you with the contract documents you request.

After receiving the contracts, you sent an email to our office indicating that your petition still stands because the contracts do not mention anything about IRS levies. The documents provided to you appear to show the following:

1. OUS had a contractual arrangement with Maid in Oregon; Maid in Oregon would clean Treetops, OUS would pay.

2. Maid in Oregon cleaned Treetops; OUS then owed Maid in Oregon money.

3. Before OUS paid Maid in Oregon, OUS received a notice of levy from the IRS, which essentially said "send us any money you owe to Maid in Oregon.

If you don't owe Maid in Oregon any money, fill out the back of this form so noting."

4. OUS paid the IRS the money it owed to Maid in Oregon for cleaning.

Contrary to your suspicions, the documents do not show that OUS paid IRS penalties on top of what it owed to Maid in Oregon.

OUS confirms that it has nothing further responsive to your request for documents explaining the payments to the IRS. Your petition is respectfully denied as moot.

Sincerely,

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