LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Office of the President

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Director of Office for Civil Rights U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 86.12(b) "Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 Prohibiting Sex Discrimination," this letter is to advise you that Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, is a private institution of higher education which is owned by the Louisiana Baptist Convention and controlled by a Board of Trustees chosen by the Convention.

In accord with 86.12(b) of the Regulations Implementing the Education Amendments of 1972, I am claiming on behalf of Louisiana College the exemptions authorized in paragraph (b) of Section 86.12, and am hereby identifying the provisions of the regulations which are not consistent with the tenets of the Southern Baptist Convention generally, and, in particular, those that are not consistent with the tenets of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the denominational agency which owns and operates Louisiana College.

Section 86.14 Membership Practices of Certain Organizations.

Sexual immorality, whether on the part of man or woman, is contrary to the tenets of Southern Baptists. Regulations requiring Louisiana College to treat the pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy or termination of pregnancy of an unmarried woman as a mere temporary disability are in conflict with the tenets of Southern Baptists. These inconsistent regulations include 86.21(c); 86.39; 86.40; 86.51(b)(6); 86.57(a)(1), (b), (c); 86.60(a).

Section 86.37(a), (b); 86.51; 86.53; 86.55(a).

Southern Baptists do not ordinarily practice the ordination of women to serve as pastors of local churches. The College requests that it be exempted from the regulations of equal number of male and female students selecting church-related vocations and receiving equal scholarship assistance for these church-related vocations.

Louisiana College has made a conscientious effort to comply with those parts of Title IX regulations which are not inconsistent with the religious tenets of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and will have on

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record the results of our study, evidence of our modifications of policies and practices, and the proper grievance procedure for complainants.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Lynn

President

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