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Mr. Lawrence C. Eppley, Chair
Board of Trustees
University of Illinois System
506 South Wright Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Eppley:

It is our understanding that the use by the university of "Chief Illiniwek" and the related Native American imagery in connection with university athletics will cease at approximately the time of this season's final home men's basketball game, February 21, 2007.

Once this action is taken, the university will be immediately removed from the list of institutions subject to the NCAA Executive Committee's policy regarding Native American mascots, nicknames and imagery at NCAA championship events. Continued removal from the list is conditioned upon the university's future non-use of "Chief Illiniwek" and the related Native American imagery in connection with university athletics. Assuming the announced changes are affected and assuming such use does not reoccur, the university will be in full compliance with the policy. Accordingly, the policy will not preclude the university from hosting or participating in NCAA championship events, should the university be otherwise eligible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Bernard W. Franklin
Sr. Vice President for Governance,
Membership, Education and Research Services

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