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December 20, 1996

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Dear Ms. Klinger:

Please allow this letter and the enclosed materials to serve as a response to your letter dated November 26, 1996. The responses are noted by the paragraph numbering and subparagraph lettering system used in your letter.

- 1)(a) See, Virginia Tech Campus Safety Report 1995 at pages 3 through 12; and Virginia Tech Campus Safety Report 1996 at pages 3 through 8.
- 1)(b) See, Virginia Tech Campus Safety Report 1995 at page 3, the last paragraph; and at page 9, the entire page; and Virginia Tech Campus Safety Report 1996 at page 3, page 5, and page 8.
- 1)(c) Specific procedures are found in the University Policies for Student Life (1993-94), pages 30-32; and the University Policies for Student Life (1995-96), pages 27-29. The University Policies for Student Life are in every dorm room and are distributed to the student body by the Dean of Students Office. We also publish a Sexual Assault Prevention Manual which is available throughout campus. Copies are enclosed. When students request a university judicial hearing, they are given an information sheet detailing the procedures. This will be sent to you under separate cover.
- 1)(d) Sanctions are delineated in the University Policies for Student Life (1993-94), pages 53-59; and the University Policies for Student Life (1995-96), pages 52-57.
- 2) Our reports cover a full year in time span (September 1 through August 31) which is a similar practice at many of our peer institutions. Each

report was based on our assumption that the required reporting date (September 1) was to include a full year's material.

No, the three column breakdown cannot be added without the *possibility* of duplicate reporting. We cannot be sure whether incidents reported at other locations on campus have been reported to the campus police or not.

The figure is of on-campus crimes reported to campus police.

- 3) The [REDACTED] incident was never reported to campus police (or anyone else) in 1994. We cannot go back and falsify 1994 figures of reported incidents. However, the incident was reported in April of 1995 to the Women's Center. The incident is included in the figures as reported to other university officials.

Virginia law prohibits the release of police reports to anyone other than law enforcement officers. To protect confidentiality, the Virginia Tech Police Department only collects the numbers of reported incidents from other university officials, not names. Counseling reports as well as records of university judicial proceedings are confidential.

- 4)(a)(b)(c) The two rapes reported to campus police were not included in the twelve reported to university officials. Generally, the Virginia Tech Police have no way of ascertaining whether or not incidents reported to them have also been reported to the Women's Center and/or have gone through the university's judicial system. However, in gathering the numbers for this report, both the officer gathering the numbers and the representative from the Women's Center were aware that two of the incidents did overlap because both the officer and the Women's Center representative had been present with the survivors simultaneously.

To review the numbers received by the Virginia Tech Police, Dr. Lisker reported eight on-campus incidents and Mr. Riehl reported six for a total of 14 on-campus incidents. Two of these were known to have been reported to campus police. The two reported to campus police are listed in that column. The remaining 12 are listed as on-campus incidents reported to university officials. In gathering the statistics, the Virginia Tech Police follow the requirement that they report off-campus incidents as reported to other police officials. If the eleven incidents reported to


Dr. Lisker were not reported to police officials, they do not appear in the "off-campus reported to police officials" column.

- 5) [REDACTED] was called by the Dean Goree, the Dean of Students on August 4, 1995, with results of the second hearing. She was asked if she would like to hear it from Dean Goree or from Donna Lisker. Ms. [REDACTED] requested to talk to Dr. Lisker who told her the results of the July hearing. Dr. Lisker's calendar page for that day is included. (Dr. Goree is currently unavailable because of medical reasons.)

[REDACTED] attorney at the time, Ms. Harriet Dorsey, was personally informed of the appeal and its results by Ms. Heidbreder, Associate General Counsel for Virginia Tech. Ms. Dorsey can provide an affidavit if necessary.

- 6) *See*, enclosures. Virginia Law requires that Virginia law prohibits the release of police reports to anyone other than law enforcement officers. To protect confidentiality, the Virginia Tech Policy Department only collects the numbers of reported incidents from other university officials, not names. Counseling reports as well as records of university judicial proceedings are confidential.

Cordially,



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Dear Ms. Klinger:

Pursuant to referenced Paragraph 1)(c) of my letter dated December 20, 1996, enclosed please find the information which students receive when going through the university judicial system. The stapled white pages comprise the information sheet given to students. The manilla sheet is Virginia Tech's Judicial Referral Form (front and back). The Student Guide to University Policies 1996-97 (newspaper print) is widely available on campus. Finally, A Practical Guide to the Virginia Tech Judicial System (turquoise blue cardstock cover) is also widely available on campus. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Cordially,

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