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Mr. Frank Furey
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U.S. Department of Education
490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
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Washington, DC 20024

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Dear Mr. Furey:

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has initiated an action to fine Mount St. Clare College, located at 400 North Bluff Boulevard, Clinton, Iowa 52732 (OPE ID: 00188100), \$25,000. The school has requested a hearing in this matter. I have enclosed two copies of the April 28, 2000 letter that initiated the fine action, and two copies of the May 19, 2000 letter requesting a hearing on behalf of the institution.

I hereby request that you assign this case to a hearing official to conduct a hearing at the mutual convenience of the parties. OSFA will be represented by Renee Orleans of the Office of General Counsel, and by Susan Crim of the Administrative Actions and Appeals Division. Please send the initial order in this case to the attention of Ms. Orleans and to Ms. Crim. Ms. Orleans' telephone number is 202/401-8302. Ms. Crim's telephone number is 816/880-4063. Her address is 10220 North Executive Hills Boulevard, Ninth Floor, Kansas City, MO 64153.

Please also send a copy of the initial order in this case to Mr. G. Wylie Pillers, III, Pillers Law Offices, who is the attorney for the institution. Mr. Pillers' address is Executive Plaza Building, 1127 North Second Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732, and his telephone number is 319/243-2450.

Sincerely.

Mary E Sust Acting Director

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Renee Orleans, OGC

G. Wylie Pillers, III, Pillers Law Office