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Office of the Attorney General

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***1 RE: Federal Privacy Act**

Mr. George L. Schroeder
Executive Director
Legislative Audit Council
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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

This is to confirm my previous conversations with your office regarding your inquiry concerning access to the personnel records of the Medical University of Charleston in connection with an audit of their books. It is my understanding that the Medical University takes the position that the Federal Privacy Act prohibits them from divulging the contents of such records to your office. There is a previous opinion of this Office regarding access to such records under the State Freedom of Information Act. Unfortunately, we cannot interpret the provisions of the Federal Act. I recommend that you contact the Medical University authorities in order to determine the basis on which they assert that they are covered by the Federal Act and seek an opinion from the Federal authorities as to whether such disclosure is prohibited by the Federal Act.

If I can be of any further assistance to you or if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

Katherine W. Hill
Assistant Attorney General

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