

Addendum # 3

October 26, 1992

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Dear Dr. Holder:

After deliberation with professional colleagues, friends, and family, I have decided to write you concerning unprofessional behavior by one of your employees.

On Friday, September 18, 1992, I was given permission to leave work early to accompany my son while he viewed his student file in the Radiography Department. We arrived in the reception area at 4:00 pm, and we waited until Dr. Sullivan came in to retrieve the file.

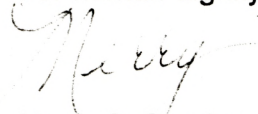
Upon entering her office, my son introduced me to Dr. Sullivan. We sat down in front of her desk, and she placed the file between us. My son began to look at his file and proceeded to hand me documents after he finished viewing them. While we were discussing a document we were viewing, Dr. Sullivan slammed her hand down on the file, with her face within inches of mine, and said "I'll copy any damn thing you want me to, but you don't have a legal right to look at his file".

I feel that if my son or I were easily intimidated, she would have succeeded in using "undue influence" to keep my son from practicing his right to view the file.

Our request to view the file came as a result of memorandums my son received from Dr. Sullivan and Ms. Curcio. I have a problem with critical evaluations from people who reside at the same address and where one is supervisor over the other. (I took the liberty to check my phone book.) I would think this would constitute a "conflict of interest".

I have been in higher education for 10 years. During those 10 years, I have never experienced such unprofessional behavior by an employee nor would any of my employers tolerate such behavior. I hope it never happens again to any parent or student. If you have it in your power, please do not let this happen again. Most minority students do not have parents with college degrees and most minority students do not have parents who would venture on to a college campus to give their child emotional support.

For human dignity,



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