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Dear Wilma:

Thank you for your response. I will give you an update of events and send you copies of correspondence.

First, Senator Kelly Haney telephoned on February 10, 1993. He will set up a meeting for us with the Chancellor of Higher Education. Senator Stratton Taylor wrote a letter to the President of the University of Oklahoma (enclosure #1). The Office of the Secretary of Education in Washington referred Warren to the Office of Civil Rights (enclosure #2).

Mr. Forte, Affirmative Action Officer at OUHSC, came to my office, Tuesday, February 9, 1993. Mr. Forte was very helpful and suggested I follow through with the Office of Civil Rights. He indicated ("off the record") that he had several complaints from other minority students with regard to the Radiology Department at OUHSC.

Warren is currently enrolled at Bacone. He will qualify to take his certification examination to be a registered radiologic technologists at the end of July, 1993. Ironically, Ms. Curcio's negative remarks about Warren is what helped Warren get admitted to Bacone. The Director of Allied Health at Bacone formerly worked for Curcio at OUHSC. She knew first hand of Curcio's volatile personality and unprofessional practices. Warren was admitted at Bacone on his academic merit.

You are right about the academic environment. I found out the letter to the accreditation agency may have very little impact. Although Warren did receive a reply (enclosure #3), I was told Marilyn Fay is a good friend to Ms. Curcio and Dr. Sullivan. Mr. Forte was quick to inform me the lawyer at OUHSC is also a personal friend to Ms. Curcio and Dr. Sullivan. Not to mention, Dr. Holder, the Dean of Allied Health, has a reputation within the campus of OUHSC as being a racist. This would explain his response to my letter of October 26, 1992.

I feel Dr. Willie V. Bryan, Vice Provost of Educational Services, OUHSC, and Mr. Forte want me to continue this battle against discrimination. There is something to be said about the adage, "it is easier to rock the boat when you are not in it." Both these men are black and both have received numerous complaints from minority students. I think until Warren came along most students just walked away.