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3/28/75

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bill Walker)

A friend of mine of
my brother, Tom Ford.
His name is in the
file. Good man for a
Deputy slot.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MAR 11 1975

Mr. John Clarence Hoekje
1467 Farwood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dear Mr. Hoekje:

William S. Ballenger, Assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, recently forwarded your personal qualifications statement to me and suggested that you would be a possible candidate for a Schedule C position with the Office for Civil Rights.

In addition, Mr. Ballenger stated that you are particularly interested in working in the area of Title IX as it relates to women and that you have had extensive experience in the educational field. If you have any additional comments to make regarding your interests or background, I would be very happy to receive them so as to give your application the best possible consideration.

Thank you for your expression of interest in our program.

Sincerely yours,

Peter E. Holmes
Director
Office for Civil Rights

GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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March 15, 1975

Mr. Peter E. Holmes
Director, Office for Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, and I am pleased to be able to offer some additional comments on my background and interest in Title IX, and the implementation thereof.

While I have not seen the final guidelines, it seems safe to assume that the amendments will continue to be met with mixed emotions. Explaining, interpreting, and enforcing the guidelines will be a major task for the Department. I feel my broad experience equips me well to understand the intent of the legislation, as well as the problems it could create, from "both sides."

In earlier days I was a high school coach and Athletic Director. Later I served as a college Vice President in charge of finance and as Chairman of their Athletic Board of Control.

In 1967, I became the first President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, representing twenty-seven private institutions at both state and federal level. During that same time I served on the committee of state presidents that put together what is now known as the National Council of Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU), an arm of the AAC in Washington, D.C.

For the past nearly two years I served as a consultant on higher education to the Michigan Senate Appropriations Committee. That work involved me closely with the operation of our fifteen, tax-supported colleges and universities. Currently I am serving as consultant to a special House committee studying policies on the use of public funds for student financial aid, (scholarships, grants, and loans), including athletic financial awards.

From these positions I am well aware of the potential problems Title IX might cause, especially financial ones, at a time when higher education is already facing a serious economic future.

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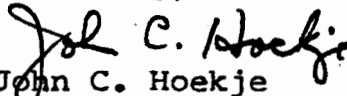
re: Mr. Peter E. Holmes

On the other hand, I still remember administering girls athletic programs in high school several years ago. Then, in the sixties I served as Commissioner of the Michigan Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), which had an active womens program, albeit seperate from the mens conference structure. Last July, I took a similar, part-time position as Commissioner of the new, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, (GLIAC). I chose to respond to you on this stationary to call attention to the conference that may well be the first collegiate athletic group in the nation to include womens sports in the league on the same basis as mens. In other words, a top finish in womens basketball counts just as much towards winning the annual all-sports trophy as a championship in mens football.

Certainly this has peaked my interest in the long-range ramifications of Title IX and the improved opportunities it should provide for women athletes. (Nor has it been diminished to learn that our number three daughter just earned her third, varsity award in volleyball at Olivet College.)

The implementation of Title IX in the years ahead will call for constant communication between H.E.W. and the institutions of higher education across the nation, both public and private, as well as their athletic conferences and national associations. I would have a sincere interest in performing such a task.

Cordially,


John C. Hoekje

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GUY VANDER JAGT
9TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 17, 1975

The Honorable John Toepp
State Senator
State Senate
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Jack:

I have received word of your interest in the possible federal appointment for John Hoekje. I hope that I can be of help.

I have written to Bill Ballenger at HEW and to the White House expressing my interest and highly recommending John. I will keep you advised of any developments.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Guy Vander Jagt
Member of Congress

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MICHAEL A. FORGASH
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

March 20, 1975

The Honorable John F. Toepp
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48902

Dear Jack:

I have received your recent letter in behalf of Mr. John Hoekje and his interest in obtaining Federal employment and I appreciate very much your bringing his interest to my attention.

I am today going to contact the White House and our good friend, Bill Ballenger, and I hope that something can be worked out. You may be sure that I will do whatever I can to be helpful.

If John is able to identify any specific position which has come to his attention, I would be most interested in knowing since it is much easier to deal with this sort of situation if we can identify a particular slot. In any event, I hope you will keep me informed of any progress which he makes.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Elford A. Cederberg

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL WALKER

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES

The attached material was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation to you:

-- A friend of mine and my brother, Tom Ford. His name is in the files. Good man for a Deputy slot.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld