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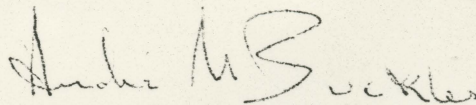
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I assure you that the President agrees with you as to the importance of Title IX and I thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Andre M. Buckles
Staff Assistant
Domestic Council

Miss Sherri L. Stewart
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MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE ANDRE BUCKLES

Thank you for your request of February 5. A suggested reply to President Sherri L. Stewart is enclosed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter E. Holmes", is written over the typed name.

Peter E. Holmes

Enclosure



DRAFT

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Coordinator of Women's
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Date Feb. 4, 1975

TO: ANDRE BUCKLES

FROM: ROGER SEMERAD

 FYI

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For appropriate action

COMMENTS

*Pls. refer to Psta Holmes
prepare response
for Cole's
signature*



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January 30, 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to urge immediate publication of guidelines implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 relating to sex discrimination in educational institutions without any further exceptions being the cause of delay.

Title IX is an essential part of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 because the law should bring to an end two hundred years of sexual discrimination. It is time to dismiss the excuse of bureaucratic red tape being used for continued discrimination. It is now 1975 and the law was initiated in 1972.

The primary question being asked is "What must be done to comply with Title IX?" Shouldn't the question be asked, "What ought to be done for fairness to all students?" Surely justice rather than compliance should be the central issue.

As President of the United States, as a former athlete, and as a person who believes in the value of physical fitness, I urge you to heartily approve Title IX without further exceptions and to urge the publication of Title IX guidelines immediately.

Sincerely,

Sherri L. Stewart

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