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> Ball State University c/o Gordon W. Sleeper Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer Muncie, Indiana 47306

Dear Mr. Sleeper:

This is in response to your letter of April 4, 1974, in which you requested information in obtaining tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code.

As Ball State University is an instrumentality of the state of Indiana its income is exempt from Federal income tax under section 115 of the Code.

Therefore, contributions to Ball State University for exclusively public purposes are deductible by donors under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

However, if you desire to apply for exemption under section 501(c)(3) it will be necessary for you to culmit a completed application on Form 1023, a copy of which is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Schuster District Director

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