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Mr. Lawrence C. Eppley, Chair
Board of Trustees
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Dear Chairman Eppley:

As you know, the Executive Committee met today to consider the University of Illinois appeal regarding application of the policy governing Native American mascots, nicknames and images at NCAA championship events. After careful deliberation, please be advised that the Executive Committee voted to deny the institution's appeal and affirm the decision of the staff review committee.

The Executive Committee felt it important to provide you notice of its decision before speaking with representatives of the press. I will supplement this notification letter with a more detailed letter setting forth the Executive Committee's rationale. I will prepare that letter as quickly as possible and forward to your attention.

Very truly yours,

Walter Harrison

Walter Harrison, Chair
NCAA Executive Committee

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cc: President B. Joseph White
Chancellor Richard Herman

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