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Subject: FOIA Response – “W” Michael A. Ayele

Dear W:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on **November 18, 2025**, in which you requested records related to multiple topics, including:

1. Discussions about DoED....
2. Discussions about NCD....
3. Discussions about Danielle Villareal....
4. Discussions about Grace Chen
5. Discussions about the decision of internet searches
6. Discussions about the term “bystander intervention”.....
7. Discussions about the ability to “understand institutional structures....”
8. Discussions about the obligations of American colleagues and universities to.....”
9. Discussion about the policies and procedures implemented by your local/state government in the event a woman.....”
10. Discussion about Bob Jones University vs. United States
11. Discussion about Haines v. Kerner
12. Discussion about Johnson v. City of Shelby

Your request is **granted**. After conducting a reasonable search, the **Regional Office of Education #53** has determined that it **does not possess or maintain any records responsive to any of the items in your request**.



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Illinois FOIA requires public bodies to provide existing records in their possession, custody, or control (5 ILCS 140). FOIA does **not** require a public body to create new records, conduct research, or obtain records from outside its jurisdiction or possession.

Rights to Review

You have the right to request review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General within 60 days of this response (5 ILCS 140/9.5). Requests for review may be submitted to:

Public Access Counselor

Office of the Illinois Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
publicaccess@ilag.gov
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You also have the right to seek judicial review under Section 11 of FOIA.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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