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Chancellor Jimmy Cheek
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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RE: Notice of Inquiry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Case No. M339.

Dear Chancellor Cheek:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the NCAA has begun an investigation into the institution's athletics program in accordance with the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 32.5 of the NCAA enforcement procedures. This will confirm that David Didion, NCAA director of enforcement, and Joyce Thompson, NCAA associate director of enforcement, will coordinate the processing of this case on behalf of the NCAA. It is the present intention of the enforcement staff to complete this investigation by December 2010.

At this time, the possible violations of recruiting and extra-benefit legislation occurred primarily during the 2008-09 through 2009-10 academic years. However, please note that new information often is developed during an investigation that leads to expanded inquiries. In the event such information is developed, you will be kept informed. Also, in accordance with Bylaws 32.5.1.1 and 32.5.1.2, the general status of this inquiry will be reported to you in writing at the end of six-month intervals. The date of your first six-month reporting period will begin with the date of this letter.

The bylaws also indicate that you may request a meeting with the enforcement staff to discuss the inquiry in more detail. Inasmuch as the institutional representatives are already very familiar with the case due to the joint inquiry that is currently taking place, this meeting seems unnecessary at this time.

The institution and any individual may be represented by legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings. However, individuals associated with the institution should be requested not to discuss the case with other parties involved in the case prior to interviews conducted by the NCAA enforcement staff and the institution except for consultation with legal counsel.

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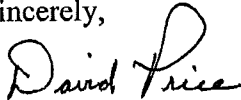
The investigation by the enforcement staff is being conducted under my direction. However, in the event of procedural disputes, or if the investigation results in a notice of allegations, the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions would assume jurisdiction for correspondence concerning any procedural issues and the hearing process. All correspondence to the committee should be forwarded to Shepard C. Cooper, director of the Committees on Infractions, at the NCAA national office.

In the event allegations related to possible major violations of NCAA legislation are substantiated, the Committee on Infractions will consider the case either through the summary disposition or hearing process. A summary disposition involves a written report that is jointly prepared by the institution, enforcement staff and all involved parties. Bylaw 32.7 describes the summary disposition process, and a guide is available from the enforcement staff for your review when applicable. Bylaw 32.8 explains the procedures that are followed when it is necessary for the institution, enforcement staff and involved parties to appear before the committee.

The enforcement program of the NCAA is a cooperative undertaking involving individual member institutions and allied conferences working together through the NCAA -- a unified effort designed to improve the administration of intercollegiate athletics. You are called upon as president of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for your cooperation and assistance to the end that complete information related to this matter may be developed.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,



David Price
Vice President of Enforcement

DP:pjp

cc: Mr. Shep C. Cooper
Mr. Michael Glazier
Mr. Mike Hamilton
Mr. Dan Murphy
Mr. Mike Slive
NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions