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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Louise Bugg, Director  
Technical Services, University Libraries

FROM: ~~Louis Lessem~~  
~~V.P. & General Counsel~~ EXT. 7-2268

SUBJECT: FERPA - Directory Information

DATE: October 26, 1998

Thank you for your memo of October 19, with enclosure. Ms. Evans has raised an interesting and important concern.

Currently, Wayne does not provide directory information to third parties. This is the outcome of a deliberate decision made a number of years ago. That decision is now under review and it is likely that Wayne will decide to provide some directory information.

Please note that social security numbers are not directory information under any definition, however broad. It is very doubtful that Wayne can provide student social security numbers through DALNET.

I can suggest two options. Either Wayne can simply have the field empty or Wayne could utilize a separate unique identifier. Perhaps the simplest way to do so (and the way which Wayne utilizes to post grades) is to delete the first three digits.

Please send me the information the library provides, so that we can take it into consideration as we review our policy.

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