Federal entities may cease operations when they are established as a temporary entity, are abolished, or functions are transferred to state or local government or private control.

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REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

(See Instructions on reverse)

TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NRA) WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1 FROM (Agency or establishment) National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Postsecondary Education

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER 5 TELEPHONE

Maureen Hill 202-632-0546

6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,

X is not required; □ is attached; or □ has been requested.

DATE 6-31-93 SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE TITLE Executive Director

7 ITEM NO 8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION

RECORD DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUESTED DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS ARE CONTAINED ON THE ATTACHED LIST.
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Because of technical problems related to the legislative process, the Commission was not allowed to begin operating until fiscal year 1991. The bipartisan Commission was comprised of nine members. Three members were presidential appointees, three were appointed by the president of the Senate, and three appointed by the Speaker of the House. Members of the Commission met for the first time in February of 1991.

Throughout its two-year life span, Commission members met 14 times, which included five regional hearings, two seminars and a press conference.

The Commission released its Final Report to the President and U.S. Congress on February 3, 1993. It is expected that the recommendations contained in this report will form the basis for legislative proposals in the area of restructuring the current system of higher education financing.

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