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May 14, 1990

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Dear Mr. Donsbach:

The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Examiners has asked this office, pursuant to our responsibility under ORS 348.885, to determine the authenticity of your 1960 Hollywood College doctoral diploma.

After considerable investigation, we find that the diploma is not authentic. In addition to "17st day of June," the diploma copy contains several very obvious internal inconsistencies in spacing, line, and calligraphy. It is not copied from an integral diploma. Instead it is, with a different name of recipient, a copy identical to one that has been determined by the Arizona Department of Public Safety to be a photocopy manipulation, derived from an actual chiropractic diploma of one Hollywood College School of Chiropractic.

This office has further determined

- (1) that separate sworn depositions, obtained by the State of Arizona from a dean and a board president of Hollywood College, affirm that the college did not offer any naturopathic education or degree in 1960;
- (2) that a 1961 commencement program from the Hollywood College indicates no naturopathic faculty or ceremony, while it names, as a 1961 chiropractic graduate, a person who submitted to Arizona the same 1960 naturopathic diploma as yours;
- (3) that creation of the Hollywood College naturopathic diploma copy, using parts of the school's authentic chiropractic diploma, required xerographic reduction technology, which did not exist until 1969;
- (4) that documents purportedly from three different institutions in two states carry your name with the same misspelling and in essentially the same calligraphy; and

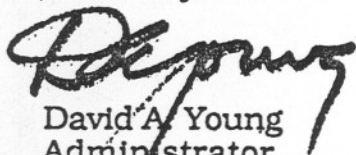
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(5) that all of the signatures on the ND "diploma" from Hollywood College appear to have been written by the same hand; but in any case that the signatures include "Jesse Lester MD," despite the fact that Lester reported no MD in his 1963 naturopathic license application to the State of Arizona.

We now propose to prohibit you from claiming a doctor's degree in Oregon and to notify the naturopathic board of this determination, whereupon you would be prohibited from holding a professional license dependent upon the possession of such a degree.

If you wish to seek modification of this proposed action before it becomes final, please contact me by May 24. We can arrange for you to respond in writing, in an interview, or in a formal public hearing. In the absence of a reply, final action will be as proposed.

Sincerely,



David A. Young
Administrator
Academic Degree Authorization

c: P. Sundermier



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Dear Mr. Donsbach:

Since you did not respond to our letter of May 14, the findings reported to you therein are now recorded without amendment. The conclusion of the state is as follows with respect to activities you may undertake in Oregon.

You may not legally claim the Doctor of Naturopathy degree from Hollywood College. Your diploma is not authentic, any such ND degree is counterfeit, and your claim to it is not valid.

We will now transmit this final determination to the Board of Naturopathic Examiners and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

David A. Young
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