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Dear Sue and Tom,

We have heard that the crucifixion was discussed at the January 6 meeting and that there is now the intention to implicate the Jews in the crucifixion in California textbooks. This is very shocking to us given your assurance to me that IMAP and conforming edits were settled issues not up for discussion at that meeting. (See Tom's Jan. 5 e-mail to me below.)

Therefore, we have researched Department documents that pertain to the issue of presentation of the crucifixion. These documents make clear the following:

1. The issue of the crucifixion was decided in several IMAP edits that were approved by the Curriculum

Commission at the September 30 meeting. (attachment 1)

2. The Board voted that only those edits and corrections that do not contradict the Commission's edits and corrections as approved September 30 should be reviewed and reconsidered. (attachment 2)

3. This subject was included for consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee **in error**, as the November 22 memo from Tom indicates. (attachment 3)

4. The excerpt of that Nov. 22 memo from the bulletin sent to publishers Nov. 18 states, "References to any Jewish role in the crucifixion of Jesus should be removed." (attachment 3)

In view of the above, it is clear that the issue of presentation of the crucifixion in California textbooks has been a settled issue since September 30, and it should never have been discussed at the January 6th meeting. The controlling document is Adoption Criterion #1.10 which is implemented by the statement from the Nov. 18 bulletin to publishers: **"References to any Jewish role in the crucifixion of Jesus should be removed."**

The fact that this subject was discussed Jan 6. is incomprehensible and a terrible travesty that the Jewish community throughout California is extremely agitated about.

Now that you have this documentation, you have evidence that the subject should not have been discussed Jan. 6, that any discussion of the subject is moot, and the Nov. 18 memo to publishers, #4 above, stands. We sincerely hope that this issue will now be put to rest quietly rather than become the topic of a public meeting. We believe that is best for everybody concerned.

Sincerely,

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Susan,

You state "We are dismayed to learn that all of that work may now be reconsidered outside the public process." This meeting on Friday will only concern the Ad Hoc Committee's edits and corrections and not those approved by the Commission on September 30.

Tom