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Open Records Decision No. 16

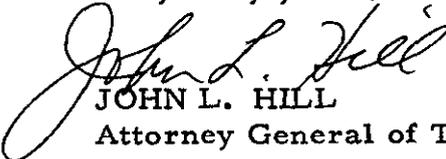
Dear President Watkins:

You have advised us that the proprietor of a local book store has requested a list of the names and home addresses of entering freshmen in your university. You have requested our decision as to whether this is public information under Article 6252-17a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, the Open Records Act.

Although § 3(a)(14) of the Act excepts from disclosure certain "student records at educational institutions," we do not believe that section was intended to make these names and addresses confidential. We are unable to find any other provision which would exempt this information from disclosure.

We therefore hold that the names and addresses of these incoming university freshmen are public information disclosable under Article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S.

Very truly yours,

  
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