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## VIA U.S. Mail and E-MAIL SCLARK@JONESWALDO.COM

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Re:

Chad Hardy

Dear Steve:

As you know, this office represents the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in relation to Mr. Hardy's request for information. This responds to your letter of February 4, 2009.

Contrary to statements made in your letter, the Church has provided Mr. Hardy with information about his excommunication; its representatives discussed the reasons for the excommunication at the stake disciplinary council and in Mr. Frank Davie's letter of July 16, 2008 to Mr. Hardy.

Contrary to your letter, the Church has not engaged in a public discussion of Mr. Hardy's excommunication. Rather, it has attempted to address inaccuracies in press reports of Mr. Hardy's many public statements, and to do so in a way that is consistent with its policy to maintain the complete confidentiality of such disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Hardy, on the other hand, has gone out of his way to publicize facts relating to his excommunication repeatedly in presentations to the press.

The Church declines to disclose records of the disciplinary process because it believes that they are confidential and protected from compulsory disclosure. Further, we are not aware of any legal basis that Mr. Hardy would have either to challenge his excommunication in court or to obtain the Church's records relating to the excommunication. If you are aware of authority supporting Mr. Hardy's right to this information, I invite you to provide it to us so that we can consider it.

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Also, if you have any questions about the Church's position, I hope you'll feel free to call me at any time.

Very truly yours,

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