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Biographical/Historical Note: The president's office was created in 1906. Donald Zacharias became WKU president on August 1, 1979 and was installed April 26, 1980. He served as president until his resignation in 1985.

Donald Zacharias was born September 18, 1935 in Salem, Indiana. He received a BA degree from Georgetown (KY) College in 1957. After a year as a high school teacher, he enrolled in Indiana University and obtained his MA in 1959 and PhD in 1963. After graduation he joined the faculty of Indiana University. Zacharias moved to the University of Texas Austin in 1969 where he advanced to Assistant to the President by 1974. When selected as Western's president, he was executive assistant to the chancellor of the University of Texas system. [Harrison, p 264]

Description: Donald Zacharias' statement regarding NCAA investigation of men's basketball program recruitment.

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Tape 1	1	00:00:03	<i>Check. Check.</i>
Tape 1	1	00:00:08	<i>DZ: Any infraction of NCAA legislation is a source of concern to the university because Western has been, and is and will remain committed to athletic programs based upon compliance with the legislatively developed principles of the Association. Following the cooperative principle the NCAA staff and the university made a thorough investigation of the men's basketball program's recruiting practices. The investigation began in the summer of 1983 and concluded recently with the full and fair hearing by the Committee on Infractions. The university fully accepts the findings and the penalty and has taken measures to ensure continued compliance in the future. These measures include seminar workshop instruction for all coaches on NCAA legislative provisions and improved planning and record keeping. I have to say that it is gratifying that the violations found were isolated errors of omission and not deliberate disregard for the rules. The university wishes to reaffirm its full confidence in the men's basketball coaching staff.</i>