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Mr. Andrew Smith

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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your March 30, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received in this office on March 30, 2010 and assigned case number FOIA 10-340. You requested information on the amount of fines that were paid to the USDA in 2008 or 2009.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located six pages of responsive releasable records. However, names have been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, we withheld the same information under FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information collected for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-340 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Anastazia Taylor, Mr. John Fischer or Ms. Katy Vagnoni of my staff at (301) 734-3254.

Sincerely,

Celeste Camp  
Acting Director  
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