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Dear Ms. Les:

This is in response to your August 11, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received in this office on August 11, 2010 and assigned case number 10-615. You requested information regarding the buying and selling of horses (investigative file CA08636) for the purpose of selling for slaughter in Mexico or Canada.

Based on the information provided in your request, Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and the investigative file CA08636 -VS was destroyed on March 29, 2010. The case closed as no violation with one year retention.

You may appeal our findings of no responsive records. 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 10-615 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial 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 Ms. Anastazia Taylor, Ms. Katy Vagnoni or Mr. Michael Jordan of my staff at (301) 734-3254.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods
Director
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