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Dear Mr. Dennis:

Freedom of  
Information

This is in response to your September 23, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all documentation regarding the City of Topeka Zoo's giraffe known as B.G. and /or her calf dating from May 1, 2009, to the present. Your request was received in this office on September 23, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-685. We apologize for the delay of this response.

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and we have enclosed a CD-ROM containing 63 pages of records responsive to your request. However, information is withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Additionally, we are withholding records that may be responsive to your request under FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). This exemption protects from disclosure records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement activities. Since Exemption 7(A) protects the records from disclosure, we have not determined if other exemptions apply. Therefore, we reserve the right to assert other exemptions when Exemption 7(A) no longer applies. If you wish, you may submit a new FOIA request at a later date.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

You may appeal our 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 to:

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



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Please refer to FOIA 10-685 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.

Due to the delay in processing your request, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at (301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,

*for Leilich D Leilich*

Tonya G. Woods

Director

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