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Plant Health
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Service

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Dear Mr. Deeringer:

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This is in response to your December 8, 2010, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you are seeking any and all correspondence, contracts, research reports and communications of any kind between USDA and Dr. Ralph Brinster or referring to Dr. Ralph Brinster from January 1, 1980 to the present. Your request was received in this Office on December 8, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 11-130.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and have advised the FOIA office that our Agency has no records responsive to this request.

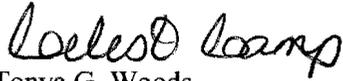
You may appeal our no records determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

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

Please refer to FOIA 11-130 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 initial decision 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. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at (301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,

for 
Tonya G. Woods
Director
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