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Animal and
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Dear Mr. Smathers:

Legislative and
Public Affairs

This is in response to your December 20, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the five oldest FOIA and Privacy Act requests which are still open and being processed with the various associated documents. Your request was received in this office on January 11, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-184. We apologize for the delay in processing this request.

Freedom of
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and the enclosed CD-ROM contains 851 pages of responsive records. However, information is being 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. The information being withheld under this exemption was the names of the requesters and signatures of the owners in the records.

In addition, we withheld this 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. The names of representatives of companies and signatures of the owners have been withheld.

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

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-184 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.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are a copy of this letter, your FOIA request 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, Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.



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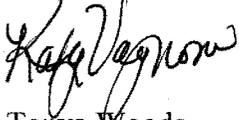
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Mr. Jason Smathers
FOIA 11-184

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All fees pertaining to this request have been waived. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Mr. Robbie Perry of my staff on (301) 734-8696.

Sincerely,



TW: Tonya Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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Enclosure