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Dear Ms. Woods:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the accompanying USDA regulations, 7 C.F.R. §§ 1.1-1.25, I am requesting complete copies of the following records relating to the USDA's investigation of Feld Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus (hereinafter, "Ringling," license number 52-C-0137), case number TX 99-237:

- A full and complete copy of the "Ringling Bros. Report to USDA Regarding Benjamin," submitted by Ringling to the USDA on Aug. 31, 1999; and
- Complete and unedited video footage of Benjamin swimming in the pond, captured on July 26, 1999.

PETA is a non-profit public interest organization and as such PETA requests that all fees be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and USDA FOIA regulations, Pt. 1, Subpt. A, App. A, § 6. PETA has no commercial interest in the requested information, and its disclosure will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of APHIS' administration and enforcement of the AWA. For these reasons, the USDA has routinely granted PETA a fee waiver. However, should you need additional information to process this request for a fee waiver, please let me know as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at _____ or CarneyC@peta.org.

Very truly yours,

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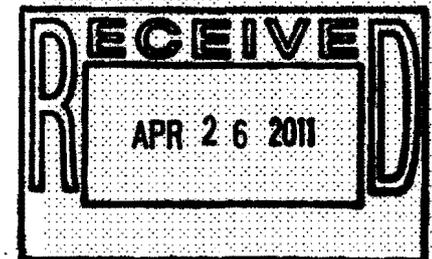
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