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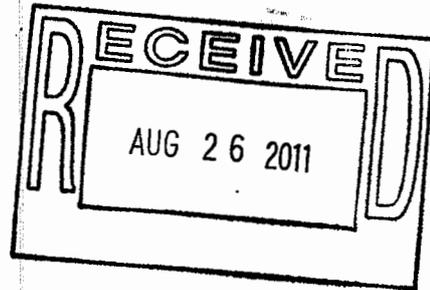
Re: **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request**

Dear Ms. Payton:

I have been informed by Jill Piercy, FOIA Liaison at Fort Detrick, MD, that the USDA Plant Disease Laboratory at one time tested tactical herbicides in a program operated at Fort Detrick (see attached FOIA response letter).

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request a search of the relevant USDA records for the Plant Disease Laboratory for the following information and /or documents concerning Fort Detrick, MD:

1. A list identifying any companies, or sellers, or vendors, to Fort Detrick, MD, of the chemicals 2,4,5-T (Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid), trichlorofluoromethane (TCFM), trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene / perchloroethylene (PCE) for the period from 1940 to 1970, where those chemicals are or were used to sent to Fort Detrick, MD; or, in the alternative if such list is not available,
2. Any written information or documents identifying the companies, or sellers, or vendors to Fort Detrick, MD, of 2,4,5-T, TCFM, TCE and PCE for the period from 1940 to 1970, such as copies of sales records where the chemicals were or could have been sent to Fort Detrick, MD. Examples of such records include, but are not limited to, sales invoices, purchase orders, correspondence, files and notes regarding such sales of 2,4,5-T, TCFM, TCE and PCE; or, in the alternative if such written information or documents are not available,



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3. Please inform me where I must direct this FOIA request in order to obtain the above-requested information.

You are authorized to spend up to \$500.00 (five hundred) in search and copy costs for the above request. Please contact me in writing or at the telephone number listed above if you expect the costs to exceed this amount, or if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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Subject FOIA Referral to APHIS: Lawrence Loretoni

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Hello Tonya,

Here's a FOIA referral for APHIS (attached)... Lawrence Loretoni from Steptoe & Johnson is asking about Plant Disease Laboratory testing records. Parts of his request is asking for information from dates going back to 1940...

Thanks... Hope you're safe and survive the hurricane this weekend!

Joe