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Dear Mr. Wandner:

This is in response to your October 9, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the 7020 form pertaining to Big Cat Habitat & Gulf Coast Sanctuary, involving a chimp named Eli transferred in 2008 or 2009. Your request was received in this office on October 9, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-015. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees informed that the animal acquisition/disposition records are not maintained in the program's files. These forms are maintained at the facilities and checked on inspection.

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

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

Please refer to FOIA 10-015 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Janice Shipman of my staff at (301) 734-0490.

Sincerely,



Tonya G. Woods
Director

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