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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Ms. Sharon MacNair
President
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Legislative and
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Freedom of
Information

Dear Ms. MacNair:

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Riverdale, MD
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This is in response to your October 23, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested copies of all inspection reports for the University of Vermont from January 1, 2007 to present. Your request was received in this office on October 29, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-062.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed four inspection reports responsive to your request. However, the names and titles have been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). This exemption permits withholding of information which if released would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, we have withheld the 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.

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

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

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 10-062 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 the \$25.00 threshold, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Hill of my staff at (301) 734-5974.

Sincerely,

for Tonya G. Woods
Director
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