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Via e-mail: foia.officer@aphis.usda.gov

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 copies of any and all records relating to and as a result of the following:

- Animal Care Inspector Warren Striplin's request for an official investigation of James Michael Casey, dba "A 'Great Ape' Experience," former license number 43-C-0314 (current license number 88-C-0195), as noted on Mr. Striplin's February 9, 2011 inspection report (attached).

If records which are responsive to this request are located in other USDA offices, please forward this request to all appropriate offices.

The term "records" includes, but is not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, memoranda, meeting notes and minutes, drafts and working papers, notes and summaries of conversations and interviews, e-mails, photographs, videotapes, Animal Care inspection reports, records of violations and alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), records of complaints and response taken, veterinary care programs, necropsy reports, inventories, records of acquisition and disposition, and any other forms of written or recorded communication. Please note that e-mails are specifically requested, as often these agency records are excluded from the agency's FOIA responses.

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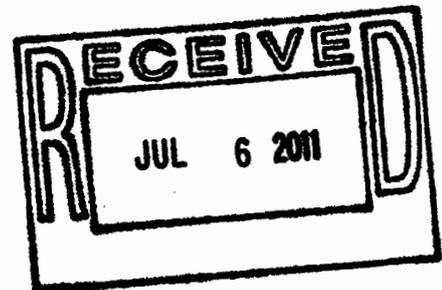
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process this request for a fee waiver, please let me know as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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Subject FOIA Request re: James Michael Casey

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Dear Ms. Woods:

Attached please find a request for records pertaining to James Michael Casey, former USDA license number 43-C-0134 (current license number 88-C-0195). Please let me know if you have any questions or have any difficulty opening the attachment.

Thank you for your help,

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