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Dear Mr. Verre:

Legislative and
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Freedom of
Information

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This is in response to your August 26, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a certified copy of the following records: (1) the license application, and (2) any and all complaints, violations, and correspondence, made against Lawrence Wallach. Your request was received on August 30, 2010, and assigned case number 10-652. On February 16, 2011, you withdrew your request for certified copies. We apologize for the delay in processing this request.

The Office of Animal Care and Investigation Services Branch conducted a search their files and located the enclosed 234 pages on CD-ROM. Portions of the enclosed pages contained information that is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, we 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. Specifically, we withheld the identities of complainants, investigators, witnesses, and third parties from the enclosures.

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 to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-652 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.



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Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Due to our delay, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at 301-734-8296.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tonya Woods
Director
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Enclosure