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Dear Mr. Dennis:

Freedom of
Information

This is in response to your September 12, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the USDA/APHIS policy(ies), protocol(s), procedure(s), guideline(s), manual(s), rule(s), and/or regulations in effect at any time between August 1, 2009 and July 31, 2010, inclusive, pertaining to addressing, governing, and/or prohibiting APHIS officials or employees about instructing, encouraging, requesting and/or recommending to a non-federal government employer that said employer should terminate or discipline one of its employees. Your request was received in this office on September 13, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-840.

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

Agency employees in our Human Resources Division and Contracting program conducted a thorough search of their files but did not locate any documents pertaining to your request.

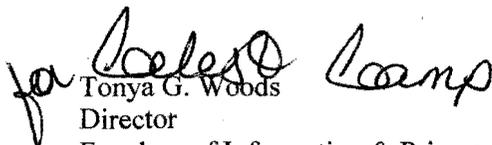
You may appeal the adequacy of our search. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and received within 45 days of the date of this letter to the following address:

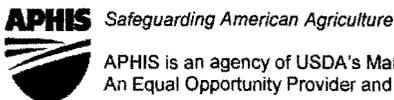
Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-840 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial determination is warranted.

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

Sincerely,


Tonya G. Woods
Director
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