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Dear Mr. Loretoni:

This is in response to your August 11, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a listing of entities that shipped chemicals to Fort Detrick, located in Maryland, from 1940 to 1970. Your request was received in our office on August 26, 2011, and assigned case number 11-802.

The Office of Plant Protection and Quarantine conducted a search of their files but did not locate any responsive records. They suggest that you submit your request to the USDA, Agricultural Research Service (ARS). We have referred to your request to the ARS, FOIA Office for processing. If you have any questions, they can be reached at:

REE FOIA Officer  
USDA-REE-ARS-IS  
5601 Sunnyside Avenue  
Room 1-2248, Mail Stop 5128  
Beltsville, MD 20705-5128  
Telephone: 301-504-1655 or 301-504-1640  
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[REEFOIA@ars.usda.gov](mailto:REEFOIA@ars.usda.gov)

You may appeal our determination of your request. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to: Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Ag Box 3401, Washington, DC 20250-3401. Please refer to FOIA 11-802 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Office at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods  
Director  
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cc: (ARS w/copy of FOIA request)



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