



May 13, 2011

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Ms. Terry Torrence

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Ms Torrence:

Legislative and
Public Affairs

This is a partial response to your March 8, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA request for all owner/shipper papers, VS10-13 and copies of all VS 17-145, for horses shipped to slaughter by or for Jeron Gold/Ropping J Ranch of Michigan. Your request was received on March 8, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-323.

Freedom of
Information

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
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The attached file contains 164 pages of records responsive to your request. However, information has been withheld pursuant to 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. The information being withheld under this exemption is all vehicle licenses, identification numbers, drivers names and signatures..

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be sent 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

Please refer to FOIA 11-323 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.

Please note that the remainder of your request is still under review. We will continue to provide partial releases of the information you requested. If you have any questions, please contact Ellery Gumbs of my staff at 301-734-5465

Sincerely,

Jamara M. Beale

for

Tonya Woods

Director

Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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Attachment