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Office of the  
Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

July 20, 2009

Office of  
Management  
Services

Mr. John Greenwald

1400 In [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Washington, DC  
20250-6010

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 20, 2009, and received in the USDA FOIA Service Center on the same date. You requested the USDA FOIA log for calendar year 2008. Your request has been assigned number OSEC-09-073.

Enclosed in their entirety are 18 pages responsive to your request.

Pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Pt. 1, App. A, there are no fees associated with processing this request because the search time was less than 2 hours and because there are less than 100 responsive pages.

We believe this fully satisfies your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Morgan".

Rita Morgan  
USDA Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Administration

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| 16 | 08-015 | Derek E. Gronquist  | 1/10/2008 |           | 2/4/2008  | what various (127) substances are made of, how produced, and potential risks                            | sixteen - 16    | not reasonably describe agency records                     |
| 17 | 08-016 | Edward Zukoski      | 1/14/2008 | 1/14/2008 | 2/12/2008 | records on deer Creek shaft and E seam methane drainage wells project and West Elk inventoried roadless | twenty 20       | RIF  |
| 18 | 08-017 | Michael Ravnitsky   | 1/15/2008 | 1/15/2008 | 3/3/2008  | records from Chief FOIA Officer that discuss FOIA   | thirty-two - 32 | WIF - 27 pages, draft reg                                  |
| 19 | 08-018 | Eunice Arline Foust | 1/24/2008 |           | 1/28/2008 | records regarding blrth certificate   | two 2           | not agency records   |
| 20 | 08-019 | James Wellhausen    | 1/24/2008 |           | 1/30/2007 | unclear   | four - 4        | not reasonsbly describe agency records                     |
| 21 | 08-020 | william Holmes      | 1/31/2008 | 1/31/2008 | 3/13/2008 | email regarding transition in BSE surveillance  | thlrty-30       | no records   |
| 22 | 08-021 | Kevin Bogardus      | 1/25/2008 | 1/25/2008 | 3/20/2008 | records regardin Sec/staff meetings with editorial boards of newspapaer about HR 2419 & S. 2302         | thirty-eight-38 | RIF -22 pages released except part of 2 Pges-(b)(6)- 19pgs |
| 23 | 08-022 | Marcus Baram        | 2/4/2008  | 2/4/2008  | 2/28/2008 | specified correspondence  | seventeen-17    |  |
| 24 | 08-023 | Jeff cottrell       | 2/5/2008  | 2/5/2008  | 3/3/2008  | oaths of office for Secs of Ag  | eighteen-18     | not USDA records   |
| 25 | 08-024 | Karen kuhn          | 1/30/2008 |           | 3/3/2008  | co. name, address, contact name   | twenty-two-22   | insufficient description                                   |

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| 26 | 08-025   | Richard Hillengas    | 2/25/2008 |           | 3/3/2008  | research on effects of named bacteria on human body                    | five-5        | not described<br>USDA records                    |
| 27 | 08-026   | Alicia McClintock    | 2/8/2008  | 2/26/2008 | 3/10/2008 | records of communications; modified 2/26/2008 - logs of correspondence | nine-9        | RIF-8 pages                                      |
| 28 | 08-027   | Anupama narayanswamy | 2/25/2008 | 2/25/2008 | 3/10/2008 | logs of correspondence between congress and USDA                       | ten-10        | RIF - 9 pages                                    |
| 29 | 08-028   | Wade jackson         | 2/26/2008 |           | 3/3/2008  | information on selling food to the country club                        | four-4        | not described<br>USDA records                    |
| 30 | 08-029   | Michael ravnitsky    | 2/28/2008 | 2/28/2008 | 3/7/2008  | annual FOIA report   | six-6         | RIF  |
| 31 | 08-030   | Lauren Fitzpatrick   | 2/27/2008 | 2/27/2008 | 3/7/2008  | FOIA log   | seven-7       | RIF  |
| 32 | 08-031   | Kristen Mitchell     | 3/4/2008  | 4/17/2008 | 5/1/2008  | correspondenc between USDA and Rep. Adam Putnam                        | ten-10        | fee waiver; rif 161 pages; rip 15 pages - (b)(6) |
| 33 | 08-032   | Ben Goad             | 3/10/2008 | 3/10/2008 | 4/22/2008 | Westland/hallmark Meat Co.   | thirty-one 31 | 90 responsive pages- 47 WIF; 14 RIP; 29 RIF      |
| 34 | 08-033-A | Michael Ravnitsky    | 3/12/2008 | 3/12/2008 | 3/20/2008 | appeals denial of draft rule   | six-6         | WIF  |
| 35 | 08-034   | Chris Harris         | 3/17/2008 | 3/17/2008 | 3/18/2008 | records regarding E. coli outbreaks in Al and WIS., Minn., and Ind     | One-1         | not USDA records                                 |
| 36 | 08-035   | Frederick Frommer    | 3/19/2008 | 4/4/2008  | 4/29/2008 | communication regarding FSIS rule banning downer cattle                | seventeen-17  | RIF  |

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| 37 | 08-036 | Jeff Ruch of Public Employees for Environmental Resonsibility | 3/31/2008 | 3/31/2008 | 5/22/2008  | civil assessment levied against Rep. Henry brown of Sc for allowing fire on his property to burn out of control | thirty-eight 38  | no records                                 |
| 38 | 08-037 | Cesar Sanchez   | 4/4/2008  | 4/4/20089 | 4/7/2008   | one-1   | one-1            | not USDA records; insufficient description |
| 39 | 08-038 | Taylor Lincoln  | 4/2/2008  | 5/2/2008  | 8/13/2008  | lobbying  | seventy-one - 71 | RIP  |
| 40 | 08-039 | Alicia McClintock   | 4/10/2008 | 5/1/2008  | 5/28/2008  | communication between John McCain and USDA  | eighteen -18     | 724 pages; 409 RIF; 315 RIP                |
| 41 | 08-040 | Marvin & Kathy Kaptein  | 4/17/2008 | 4/17/2008 | 4/22/20078 | contract information for named entities   | four-4           | withdrawn                                  |
| 42 | 08-041 | Brian Frazee  | 4/23/2008 |           | 4/28/2008  | Exhibit 300s - Dept of Ed.  | three -3         | not USDA records                           |
| 43 | 08-042 | Christopher Showalter   | 4/23/2008 |           | 4/28/2008  | vaccines developed using human enbronic cells   | three -3         | not describe USDA records                  |
| 44 | 08-043 | Kenneth campbell  | 4/23/2008 |           | 4/28/2008  | programs for ex-convicts  | three -3         | not describe USDA records                  |
| 45 | 08-044 | Kyle Bastian  | 4/23/2008 |           | 4/28/2008  | programs for ex-convicts  | three -3         | not describe USDA records                  |
| 46 | 08-045 | Michael Massey  | 4/29/2008 |           | 4/29/2008  | records of water monitoring at FL food stores   | one-1            | not describe USDA records                  |

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| 47 | 08-046 | Michael Fry of Am. Bird Conservancy       | 4/29/2008 | 4/29/2008 | 6/24/2008 | records concerning development of lett from Sec to Asst. Admin Gulliford of EPA and USDA comments regarding EPA draft notice on carbofuran | thirty-nine -39 | 103pgs; 80WIF;15RIF;8RIP   |
| 48 | 08-047 | Lisa McGee of the Wyoming Outdoor Council | 5/2/2008  | 5/2/2008  | 6/16/2008 | only one of the three items requested - communications with Mark Rey by named entities   | twenty-nine -29 | RIF - 6pgs   |
| 49 | 08-048 | Mital Panara                              | 5/5/2008  |           | 5/5/2008  | records on leasing land from government  | one -1          | not described USDA records   |
| 50 | 08-049 | Kate Keane                                | 5/6/2008  | 5/6/2008  | 5/29/2008 | records on Mark Warner   | seventeen-17    | 679 pgs. - 675 RIF; 4 RIP - (b)(6)   |
| 51 | 08-050 | Nathan McCarroll                          | 5/7/2008  | 5/7/2008  | 5/30/2008 | records on Kenneth C. Hulshof  | one-1           | withdrawn for fee related reasons - requester did not agree to pay the \$550 of fees |
| 52 | 08-051 | Susan gallagher                           | 5/12/2008 | 5/28/2008 | 6/24/2008 | communications between mark rey and Plum creek timber co. regarding renewal of easements   | nineteen-19     | 14 pgs - RIF   |

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|    |         |                    |           |           |           | communications regarding the organic certification of Promiseland Livestock, LLC and any other business owned or operated by anthony Zeman or correspondence with or about anthony Zeman |                |                                       |
| 53 | 078-052 | Will Fantle        | 5/12/2008 | 5/12/2008 | 5/16/2008 | Zeman  | four- 4        | no records                            |
| 54 | 08-053  | Rebecca Brown      | 5/29/2008 | 6/9/2008  | 6/9/2008  | USDA correspondence log  | one-1          | RIF-                                  |
| 55 | 08-054  | Rebecca Brown      | 5/30/2008 | 5/30/2008 | 6/2/2008  | OSEC FOIA log  | one-1          | RIF - 5pgs                            |
| 56 | 08-055  | Christopher Burton | 6/2/2008  |           | 6/9/2008  | threatened and endangered species related to a named piece of property in Va.  | five-5         | not reasonably described USDA records |
| 57 | 08-056  | Megan haebler      | 6/9/2008  | 6/9/2008  | 8/12/2008 | biotech proposed actions   | forty-five -45 | RIP                                   |
| 58 | 08-057  | Rebecca Brown      | 6/10/2008 |           | 6/27/2008 | 08-049 recordsprovided and request   | thirteen - 13  | see 049                               |
| 59 | 08-058  | Matthew Frank      | 6/17/2008 | 6/17/2008 | 6/24/2008 | records between NRE, OGC, WO re Plum creek timber co. road easements   | five-5         | 14 pgs - RIF                          |
| 60 | 08-059  | Matthew koehler    | 6/17/2008 | 6/17/2008 | 6/24/2008 | records on Plum Creek Timber co road easements and developemnt   | five-5         | 14 pgs - RIF                          |



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| 61 | 08-060 | Andrew Pardieck      | 6/10/2008 |           | 6/19/2008 | 1964 Dow chemical feeding study related to chlorpyrifos  | seven -7    | not described<br>USDA records         |
| 62 | 08-061 | James McCubbin       | 6/26/2008 |           | 7/25/2008 | communications between Mark Rey and Plum Creek Timber Co.  | twenty - 20 | 14 pgs - RIF                          |
| 63 | 08-062 | Arlene Foust Diamond | 6/27/2008 |           | 6/27/2008 | records about self   | one- 1      | not reasonably described USDA records |
| 64 | 08-063 | Bob Cusack           | 7/15/2008 | 7/15/2008 | 7/15/2008 | FOIA log   | one-1       | RIF                                   |
| 65 | 08-064 | Andrea Wahl          | 7/15/2008 |           | 7/16/2008 | communications between Sec. Johans and Pres regarding 2 bills; payment information; budget information; correspondence between Sec Johans and Dep. Sec and Sec Shafer; lists of meetings with congress and with lobbyists. | one-1       | withdrawn -fees                       |
| 66 | 08-065 | Mark Kennedy         | 7/15/2008 | 7/15/2008 | 7/29/2008 | 19 items of information related to grilled chicken parts and named entities  | ten - 10    | RIP                                   |
| 67 | 08-066 | Diana Marrero        | 7/15/2008 | 7/15/2008 | 7/31/2008 | correspondence logs for 2 senators and 3 Reps.   | twelve -12  | RIF                                   |



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| 68 | 08-067-A | Susan Gallagher | 7/16/2008 |           | 8/21/2008 | appeal- adequacy of search                                       | twenty-six -26 | denied   |
| 69 | 08-068-A | James McCubbin  | 7/16/2008 |           | 8/14/2008 | appeal denial of expedited processing                            | twenty-one -21 | denied on merits, but granted through discretion       |
| 70 | 08-069   | Tony Corbo      | 7/16/2008 | 8/6.2008  | 8/11/2008 | records associated with Dr. R. Raymond's foreign travel schedule | four -4        | 46 pgs RIF; 2 pgs RIP; (b)(6)                          |
| 71 | 08-070   | Jeffrey Reid    | 7/21/2008 |           | 7/21/2008 | FOIA package and records on named entity                         | one -1         | NOT DESCRIBED AGENCY RECORDS; INSUFFICIENT DESCRIPTION |
| 72 | 08-071   | Brant Turner    | 7/22/2008 | 7/22/2008 | 7/22/2008 | information regarding subscribers to GSA market news             | one-1          | 126 pgs - RIF  |
| 73 | 08-072   | Nick Jacobs     | 7/22/2008 |           | 7/28/2008 | outstanding checks for past 6 months                             | four-4         | NOT DESCRIBED AGENCY RECORDS; INSUFFICIENT DESCRIPTION |
| 74 | 8-073    | Lamar Douglas   | 8/4/2008  | 8/4/2008  | 8/4/2008  | "Citizens Guide on how to use the Freedom of Information Act"    | one-1          | not described USDA records                             |
| 75 | 08-074   | Evan peterson   | 8/7/2008  |           | 8/19/2008 | correspondence of 2 Sen. And 3 Reps                              | eight - 8      | withdrawn -fees  |
| 76 | 08-075   | William Wilbey  | 8/8/2008  | 8/8/2008  | 8/12/2008 | USDA Crad school course material                                 | two 2          | Grad school not subject to FOIA                        |
| 77 | 08-076   | Michael Matrin  | 8/11/2008 | 8/11/2008 | 8/12/2008 | annual FOIA report   | one -1         | RIF; 54 pgs  |

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| 78 | 08-077   | Sharon Theimer                | 9/8/2008  | 9/8/2008 | 9/15/2008 | correspondenc<br>between Sen Joe<br>Biden and USDA   | five -5 | RIF; 23 pages                                  |
| 79 | 08-078   | Sharon Theimer                | 9/8/2008  | 9/8/2008 | 9/15/2008 | correspondence<br>between Sarah Palin<br>and USDA  | five-5  | no records                                     |
| 80 | 08-079   | Stephanie<br>Stegman          | 9/9/2008  |          | 9/10/2008 | aerial photographs of<br>specified properties  | One-1   | insufficient<br>description                    |
| 81 | 08-080   | Laura Strickler of<br>CBSnews | 9/8/2008  | 9/8/2008 | 9/10/2008 | FOIA log   | two -2  | RIF -5pgs                                      |
| 82 | 08-081   | Andrea Wahl                   | 9/8/2008  | 9/8/2008 | 9/24/2008 | calendar entries for<br>meeting of former<br>Sec. johanns with<br>registered lobbyists   | 12      | insufficient<br>description                    |
| 83 | 08-082   | Stephanie<br>Stegman          | 9/10/2008 |          | 9/11/2008 | aerial photographs of<br>specified properties  | one-1   | insufficient<br>description                    |
| 84 | 08-083   | Christopher<br>Conant         | 9/10/2008 |          |           | item 2 of 5 -<br>communications<br>regarding how USDA<br>intends to use<br>monies received in<br>settlement from<br>Storrie fire |         |  |
| 85 | 08-084   | Aaron Smith                   | 9/15/2008 |          |           | records about<br>exercise Crimson Sky<br>of 2002   |         |  |
| 86 | 08-085-A | Megan Haebler                 | 9/18/2008 |          |           | appealed 056   |         |  |
| 87 | 08-086-A | Sharon Theimer                | 9/12/2008 |          |           | appealed denial of<br>expedited processing   |         | moot; responsive<br>letter sent<br>9/15/200808 |
| 88 | 08-087   | Representative<br>Steve King  | 9/24/2008 |          |           | correspondenc<br>between USDA and<br>named individuals   |         |  |

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| 16 |        | requested; not<br>reached | 0 |
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| 30 |                | 0                      | denied; 3/7/2008 |
| 31 |                | 0                      | denied; 3/7/2008 |
| 32 |                | requested; not reached | denied; 3/7/2008 |
| 33 | (b)(5);(b)(6)  | requested; not reached | denied;3/24/2008 |
| 34 | 08-017; (b)(5) | 0                      | 0                |
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| 39 | fee      | requested -granted     | 0 |
| 40 | \$358.94 | \$0.00                 | 0 |
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| 47 | (b)(5)            | requested; not<br>reached | 0 |
| 48 | fee waiver        | requested; not<br>reached | 0 |
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| 50 | fees \$446.42     | 0                         | 0 |
| 51 |                   | 0                         | 0 |
| 52 | unperfected- fees | requested; not<br>reached | 0 |

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| 53 |                    | requested; not reached             | 0 |
| 54 | no fee             | requested; not reached             | 0 |
| 55 | fee waiver; no fee | requested; not reached             | 0 |
| 56 |                    | 0                                  | 0 |
| 57 |                    | 0                                  | 0 |
| 58 | (b)(6)             | requested; granted discretionarily | 0 |
| 59 |                    | 0                                  | 0 |
| 60 |                    | requested; not reached             | 0 |



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| 62 |   | requested -not<br>reached     | requested - denied<br>6/26/2008 |
| 63 |   | 0                             | 0                               |
| 64 |   | requested, but not<br>reached | 0                               |
| 65 | fee Issue - only<br>agreed to pay \$40 -<br>sent letter | 0                             | 0                               |
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| 67 |   | requested; not<br>reached     | 0                               |

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| 68 |  | 0 denied; 7/22/2008                  |   |
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| 70 |  | fee waiver requested;<br>not reached | 0 |
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| 72 |  | 0                                    | 0 |
| 73 |  | 0                                    | 0 |
| 74 |  | 0                                    | 0 |
| 75 | fee issue - only<br>agreed to pay \$150<br>but processing will<br>cost \$23,000 to<br>25,000 | 0                                    | 0 |
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| 78 |   |                          | requested;<br>0 denied;one day |
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| no  | no                       | simple |
| no  | no                       | simple |
| requested ; not<br>reached                          | no                       | simple |
| NO  | NO                       | simple |
| yes; not<br>reached                                 | yes; moot                | simple |
| yes; not<br>reached                                 | yes; moot                | simple |
| yes; failed to<br>respond to fee<br>waiver criteria | yes;denied<br>11/20/2008 | simple |
| NO  | NO                       | simple |
| NO  | NO                       | simple |
| NO  | NO                       | simple |

| DATE RECEIVED | DATE PERFECTED | DATE CLOSED | SUBJECT MATTER   | DETERMINATION                            | DAYS       |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|--|--|------------|
| 10/2/2008     | 10/2/2008      | 10/14/2008  | correspondence between Sec. Schafer and Ingrid Newkirk, the President of PETA                                    | no records                               | seven - 7  |
| 10/7/2008     |                | 10/27/2008  | records of correspondence for Sen Gordon Smith, his staff, Smith Frozen Foods, its agents                        | withdrawn                                | thirt'n 13 |
| 10/16/2008    |                | 12/8/2008   | records relatd to consent agreement with Aurora organic dairy  | records previously provided - see 07-062 | 35         |
| 10/27/2008    | 10/27/2008     | 11/17/2008  | correspondence from Congressman Anthony WEINER   | no records                               | 14 fourt'n |
| 11/3/2008     |                | 11/3/2008   | FOIA log   | RIF - 79 pgs                             | 1          |
| 11/6/2008     |                | 11/6/2008   | FOIA log   | RIF-18pgs                                | 1          |
| 11/17/2008    |                | 11/20/2008  | correspondence between USDA and 6 named congressmen  | n/a -fee waiver                          | 3          |
| 11/20/2008    | 11/20/2008     | 1/6/2009    | written communication between USDA and world food programme regarding agreement regarding PL 480 between the two | no records                               | 29         |
| 12/12/2008    | 12/12/2008     | 12/15/2008  | records of USDA Grad school  | grad school no FOIA                      | one        |
| 12/30/2008    | 12/30/2008     | 12/30/2008  | records concerning label guidance for RWA  | RIF 29; RIP 6 (b)(5)                     | 1          |