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In response to your request for an electronic file of the Freedom of Information Act Case log for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007, the Foreign Agricultural Service encloses the following document.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Sally Klusaritz
FOIA Officer

Enclosure

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
FY 2005 FOIA LOG

01-2005

FROM: Steptoe and Johnson, attorneys at law
Washington DC

RESPONDER: ICD/Brant

DATE REVD: 10/5/2004 **DATE DUE:** 11/3/2004 **DATE REPY:** 10/28/2004

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests personal information regarding Ghazal Usman, emails, cables, and other correspondence between USDA and embassy in Afghanistan. Provided documents as requested. (16D)

APPEAL:

02-2005

FROM: Jonathan Ware
Dewey Ballantine LLP

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 10/29/2004 **DATE DUE:** 11/29/2004 **DATE REPY:** 11/29/04

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information on TAA shrimp petitions filed from NC, FL, SC, GA, MI, AL and AZ. Provided letters, forms, statistical data, list of producers, and other documents as requested. (20D)

03-2005

FROM: Robert A. Wampler
The National Security Archive/Via State Department

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 11/8/2004 **DATE DUE:** 12/8/2004 **DATE REPY:** 11/9/2004

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on 1993 US-Korea Economic Consultations. State Department forwarded a briefing paper with talking points on US-Korean agricultural issues for FAS review and reply directly to requester. FAS release the document in full. (1D)

04-2005

FROM: Gary A. Weissman
Attorney at Law

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 10/9/2004 **DATE DUE:** 12/9/2004 **DATE REPY:** 11/10/2004

REQUEST GRANTED: no **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information about USDA grants to Syrisia's Foods, in Jackson, Mississippi. Marketing Operations Staff searched and could find no documents on this firm. No records found. (1D)

05-2005

FROM: Sherrie Fletcher
Archivist, Ronald Reagan Library

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 12/2/2004 **DATE DUE:** 1/3/2005 **DATE REPY:** 12/10/2004

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request FAS review 1988 memorandum for the President from National Security Advisor Colin Powell, regarding the USDA Sugar Re-Export Program. FAS agrees to release the document in full. (8D)

06-2005

FROM: The National Security Archive
Joyce Battle

RESPONDER: OA/Schatz

DATE REVD: 12/8/2004 **DATE DUE:** 1/10/2005 **DATE REPY:** 12/10/2004

REQUEST GRANTED: no **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request all documents from April 2003 through November 2004, concerning policy review of statute on agricultural policy in Iraq, resulting in the redesignation of "Patent and Industrial Design Laws and Regulations," as the "Patents, Industrial Design, Undisclosed Information, Integrated Circuits and Plant Variety Law," as specified in Coalition Provisional Authority Number 81, which entered into force on April 26, 2004. Lee Schatz, no records found. (2D).

07-2005

FROM: Keith Yearman
College of Dupage

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 12/16/2004 **DATE DUE:** 1/17/2005 **DATE REPY:** 1/31/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Request information on Market Access Program. He would like a list of program participants and how much they received. Provided compact disk with information as requested. (29 D)

08-2005

FROM: Margaret Grafeld
State Department/via Canadian Embassy

RESPONDER: FAA/Sebranek

DATE REVD: 12/16/2004 **DATE DUE:** 1/17/2005 **DATE REPY:** 1/4/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request FAS review of 1989 letter and documents regarding Canadian taxes applied to tobacco products. FAS concurs with the full release of the documents. (11D)

09-2005

FROM: Margaret Grafeld
State Department/reply to back to State

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee/Forest Fishery Products Div.

DATE REVD: 1/03/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/1/2005 **DATE REPY:** 1/4/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request FAS review of 1997 cable regarding sturgeon poaching and illegal caviar production in Azerbaijan. FAS concurs with the release of the cables. (1D)

10-2005

FROM: David Lyons
LouisDreyfus, Washington DC

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 1/11/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/11/2005 **DATE REPY:** 2/10/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Request GSM-102 Export Credit Guarantee Program activity for fiscal year 2004, including exporter applicant, dollar amount, commodities, GSM obligor bank, and U.S. bank. Provided documents as requested. (19D)

11-2005

FROM: Elizabeth Fulk
The Hill newspaper, Washington DC

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 1/11/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/11/2005 **DATE REPY:** 1/24/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request FAS FOIA log from October 1, 2004 to present. Provided documents as requested. (9D)

12-2005

FROM: Kerry-Ann T. Powell

U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), Staff Attorney, Washington DC

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

ICD/Brant

DATE REVD: 1/13/2005

DATE DUE: 2/15/2005

DATE REPY: 2/18/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request information on FAS and American Seed Trade Association collaboration to promote international markets for U.S. seeds produced through biotechnology. They also request a list of projects under the Emerging Markets Program and Cochran Fellowship Program that promote agricultural biotechnology.

Provided documents showing dollars spent by FAS on activities for Biotechnology from MAP and FMD programs, Emerging Markets Program, and International Cooperation and Development area on Cochran Fellowship. (23D)

13-2005

FROM: Thomas J. Brennan
St. Louis, MO

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 1/13/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/15/2005 **DATE REPY:** 2/15/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Request a copy of Amendment 51 to Foreign Market Development Project Number 400101, FY 00, 01, and 02, along with exhibit A, Uniform Project Agreement between FAS and the American Soybean Association. FAS provided documents as requested. (20D)

14-2005

FROM: Candace A. Roper
CoBank, Denver CO

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 1/18/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/16/2005 **DATE REPY:** 2/15/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: PT/4 **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Request information reflecting activity under GSM programs for 2004 and year-to-date 2005 fiscal year. Information should include foreign bank, exporter, guarantee value, country/region, etc.

FAS provided some information and denied other material under exemption 4. (19D)

15-2005

FROM: Melanie Baca Osborne
Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, LLP, Anchorage, Alaska

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 1/24/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/22/2005 **DATE REPY:** 2/16/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: no **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request information on all contracts, grants, and other agreements between USDA and Delaware Tribe from 1994 to present. No records found. (17D)

16-2005

FROM: Friends of the Earth, Washington Post, LA Times, USA Today, Knight Ridder,

RESPONDER: Forwarded to FSA for reply/Norma Ferguson, 720-5534

DATE REVD: DATE DUE: DATE REPY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Request information on all contracts between FAS and public relations companies from 2001 to January 2005. Forwarded request to FSA FOIA Officer, Norma Ferguson, asked her to also include FAS PR contracts in the search. Also asked that she provide us with a report on the search results.

17-2005

FROM: William Burr, via Dept. of State,

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 2/1/2005

DATE DUE: 3/1/2005

DATE REPY: 2/3/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: State Department request FAS concurrence to release Confidential 1 page, 1975 phone transcript between Thomas Enders and Secretary Kissinger regarding World Food Conference. FAS concurs with the release of the transcript in full, document returned to the State Department. (2D)

18-2005

FROM: Robert Wampler, via Dept. of State,

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 2/9/2005
2/15/2005

DATE DUE: 3/10/2005

DATE REPY:

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: State Department request FAS review three documents they discovered responsive to a request for information on meetings with Republic of Korea government officials in 1989. State has no objection to release of the documents, FAS should review the material and respond directly to the requester. FAS grants release of documents in full. (4D)

19-2005

FROM: Marcia Carroll,
Multinational Monitor, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 2/22/2005 **DATE DUE:** 3/22/2005 **DATE REPY:** 3/3/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: no **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents relating to discussions or proposals in Europe to institute voluntary or mandatory restrictions on snack food and other food advertising directed to children. No records found. (8D)

20-2005

FROM: Privacy Act Request

21-2005

FROM: Peter Rihs, Standard Charter Bank

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 2/22/2005

DATE DUE: 3/22/2005

DATE REPY: 3/30/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request a report of CCC's fiscal year 2004 activities by, guarantee no., country or regional program, port value, total exported value, foreign bank, and U.S. bank assignee.

Provided documents on items two through six, withheld item one under exemption 4, "trade secrets and business information." Specifically, FAS does not provide information by Guarantee, but rather, the information is provided in aggregate form. (26D)

22-2005

FROM: State Department, via Reagan Library, from Kiron Skinner
Pittsburgh, PA

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 2/23/2005

DATE DUE: 3/23/2005

DATE REPY: 3/3/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: State Dept. request FAS review **CONFIDENTIAL** 1982 State Dept. memo for William P. Clark regarding US-USSR agriculture agreement, and respond back to State. FAS concurs to declassify and release documents in full. (6D)

23-2005

FROM: State Department, from Tamara Feinstein
The National Security Archive

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 2/23/2005

DATE DUE: 3/23/2005

DATE REPY: 3/3/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: State Dept. request FAS review 2002 cable regarding authority to sign FY02 PL-480 Title I Agreement with Peru, and respond back to State. FAS grants full release of the documents. Documents returned to State. (6D)

24-2005

FROM: Andrew Empson

RESPONDER: OA/Simmons -- FAA/Sebranek

DATE REVD: 2/24/2005

DATE DUE: 3/24/2005

DATE REPY: 4/1/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: no

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request dates of meetings between U.S. and UK officials regarding living modified organisms.

No records found. (25D)

25-2005

FROM: Gregory S. McCue
Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/17/2005 **DATE DUE:** 4/14/2005 **DATE REPLY:**
3/28/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copy of petition filed by Potato Growers in Idaho for TAA assistance, published on Feb. 11, 2005 in the Federal Register.

Provided documents as requested. (7D)

26-2005

FROM: Peter Koenig
Miller & Chevalier, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/17/2005 **DATE DUE:** 4/14/2005 **DATE REPLY:**
3/28/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copy of petition filed by Florida Avocado producers for TAA assistance.

Provided documents as requested. (7D)

27-2005

FROM: Peter Koenig
Miller & Chevalier, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/17/2005 **DATE DUE:** 4/14/2005 **DATE REPLY:**
3/28/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copy of petition filed by Concord grape producers in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio for TAA assistance.

Provided documents as requested. (7D)

28-2005

FROM: Daniel L. Porter
Willikie Farr & Gallagher, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/30/2005 **DATE DUE:** 4/20/2005 **DATE REPY:** 4/8/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copy of petition filed on Feb. 11, 2005, the Potato Growers of Idaho for TAA assistance. In addition, all documents, such as letters, emails, used to evaluate the merits of petition.

Provided documents as requested. (13D)

29-2005

FROM: Gregory S. McCue
Steptoe & Johnson, Attorneys at Law, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/30/2005 **DATE DUE:** 4/20/2005 **DATE REPLY:**
3/28/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copy of petition filed on Feb. 11, 2005, the Potato Growers of Idaho for TAA assistance. They request the document via email.

Provided documents as requested. (9D)

30-2005

FROM: Rudoff Effing
Deutsche Bank, NY, NY

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 3/30/2005
4/26/2005

DATE DUE: 4/20/2005

DATE REPLY:

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: no

FEES:

REMARKS: Request first and last registration number for FY2004 under the GSM-102 program, and for each guarantee issued, the name of applicant (US exporter), foreign bank, assignee, as well as the amount. Soft copy via email in Excel format preferred.

Provided documents as requested. (26D)

31-2005

FROM: Nicole G. Paquette, Esg.
Animal Protection Institute, Sacramento, CA

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 3/30/2005 **DATE DUE:** 4/20/2005 **DATE REPLY:** 4/4/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: not FAS **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request background documents on FAS BICO data on the FAS homepage.

Not FAS data. Sent letter advising requester to contact Department of Commerce FOIA officer to get background on trade data on FAS Web site. (8D)

32-2005

FROM: Gregory S. McCue
Step toe & Johnson LLP, Wash. DC

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 4/1/2005

DATE DUE: 4/29/2005

DATE REPY: 4/7/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request background documents used by FAS to grant Trade Adjustment Assistance to Potato Growers of Idaho, this includes documents and data submitted by petitioners, data collected by FAS, information from public hearing, and other evidence to support the agency's decision to grant assistance.

Provided documents as requested. (4D)

33-2005

FROM: Claire R. Kelly

Customs and International Trade Bar Association, Brooklyn, NY

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 4/7/2005
4/22/2005

DATE DUE: 5/5/2005

DATE REPY:

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents related to Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petitions filed by Wild Blueberry Producers, Alabama Shrimpers, Alaska Salmon Fishermen, and California Black Olives. Including witness statements, interview statements, letters and correspondence, and all other tangible things that relate in any way to the four investigations conducted by FAS on these petitions filed for TAA.

Provided documents as requested. (12D)

34-2005

FROM: Steve Simms, CEO
I-Export Strategies

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 5/16/2005

DATE DUE: 6/14/2005

DATE REPY: 6/8/05

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request exporter database, which is provided by FAS on-line with free access, in CD-ROM format with CSV (comma separated values).

Provided CD in excel format with documents requested. (15D)

35-2005

FROM: Eric Barton
New Times newspaper, South Florida

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 5/18/2005 **DATE DUE:** 6/16/2005 **DATE REPY:** 6/2/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** 4 **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request list of all U.S. companies that export rice to Haiti, the amount and there addresses.

Request denied under exemption (b) (4), commercial privileged information. Provided appeal rights and suggested other options to obtain information. Sent response via email.
(9D)

36-2005

FROM: Tony Corbo
Public Citizen

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 6/13/2005

DATE DUE: 7/11/2005 **DATE REPLY:** 9/1/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on financial assistance from the U.S. government to the government of the Philippines to establish a food irradiation facility, and/or to purchase equipments or conduct research on food irradiation in that country.

Alessandra Sartori McCormack in EC advised requester that FAS is unable to provide information on it at the moment as it is still under negotiation.

On 9/1/05, EC sent a letter advising requester that documents were being withheld under exemption 4, and that the documents maybe provided upon request after the agreement is signed.

37-2005

FROM: Environmental Working Group
Renee Sharp

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 7/28/2005

DATE DUE: 8/24/2005 **DATE REPLY:** 8/19/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on Emerging Markets Program, Market Access Program, and the Foreign Market Development Program, from 1995 through 2004, including a list of program participants, dollars allocated, contact information, and brief description of activity.

Provided documents as requested on 8/19/05 – provided second set of documents as requested on 9/12/05.

38-2005

FROM: Environmental Working Group
Renee Sharp

RESPONDER: ITP/Shiehk

DATE REVD: 7/28/2005 **DATE DUE:** 8/24/2005 **DATE REPY:** 8/10/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers (TAA) program, 1995 through 2004.

Provided material and website information where other documents can be reviewed. Also advise requester to contact FSA for information about individual TAA recipients.

39-2005

FROM: Project On Government Oversight
Nina Thanawala

RESPONDER: OA/Ted Goldammer

DATE REVD: 8/3/2005

DATE DUE: 8/31/2005 **DATE REPY:** 8/22/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on all Foreign Agricultural Service justifications for inherently governmental activities submitted under OMB Circular A-76 in 2003 and 04.

Provided documents as requested. (13D)

40-2005

FROM: PETA – People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Paula Hough, Corporate Affairs Department

RESPONDER: FAA/Sebranek

DATE REVD: 8/12/2005 **DATE DUE:** 9/12/2005 **DATE REPY:** 8/22/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: No **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on all Foreign Agricultural Service records with the Australian government related to views or advice on interacting with PETA

No records found. (7D)

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service
FY 2006 FOIA LOG

01-2006

FROM: Environmental Working Group
Renee Sharp

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 10/18/2005 **DATE DUE:** 11/16/2005 **DATE REPY:** 10/18/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests copy of administrator's decision memo for petition number P3-0004-0403 under TAA program.

Provided information as requested.

APPEAL:

02-2006

FROM: Collins and Talley, LLC
Reuben B. Collins

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 10/26/2005 **DATE DUE:** 11/17/2005 **DATE REPY:** 10/26/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: Forward

DENIED:

REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests on FAS personnel matters. Number of FAS employees, number of adverse actions, by race, sex, and grade, also, information on Washington Placement Plan and Performance Improvement Plans.

Forwarded requested to FSA Human Resource Management Division. (1D)

APPEAL:

03-2006

FROM: Coulson Oil Company
David T. Zakrezewski

RESPONDER: Lee/CMP/MOS

DATE REVD: 10/27/2005 **DATE DUE:** 11/17/2005 **DATE REPY:** 10/27/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests request copy of letter stating that he is the owner of the Pruitt company.

Provided a copy of the letter. (1D)

APPEAL:

04-2006

FROM: Coalition of Journalists for Open Government
Lacey Phillabaum

RESPONDER: Washington/OA/FOIA Officer

DATE REVD: 11/1/2005 **DATE DUE:** 11/30/2005 **DATE REPY:** 11/17/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: no **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests request FAS FOIA log from August 31, 2005, to October, 1, 2005, including in particular requesters' names and affiliations.

No new requests added to the FAS log for that time period. Advised requester. (11D)

APPEAL:

05-2006

FROM: ARI Global Inc.
Parker L. Freeman

RESPONDER: Chambliss/EC

DATE REVD: 11/3/2005 **DATE DUE:** 12/2/2005 **DATE REPY:** 12/10/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests a list of all U.S. companies that participate in the GSM-102 program for the past 24 months, information should include name, address, email, contacts, etc. Also information on banks.

APPEAL:

06-2006

FROM: Management Concepts

Ruth Wrenn, Sr. Curriculum Developer, Grants and Assistance Training Div.

RESPONDER: Lee/CMP

DATE REVD: 11/3/2005 **DATE DUE:** 12/2/2005 **DATE REPY:** 12/20/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes

DENIED:

REVIEWED: yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests Market Access Program information for (CFDA program number 10.601), published in the Federal Register on 23 Jan. 2004, at 69 FR 3309. Information should include application, notice of award, financial status reports, periodic and final performance reports.

Provided information as requested. (32D)

APPEAL:

07-2006

FROM: LTA International
Ms. Carol Hixon

RESPONDER: Lee/CMP

DATE REVD: 11/7/2005 **DATE DUE:** 12/7/2005 **DATE REPY:** 12/1/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: FORWARD **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information on import/export regulations for meat and poultry items for export to Singapore.

Request sent to FSIS for reply.

APPEAL:

08-2006

FROM: Moore Clarke DeVall & Rodgers
C. Jason Willcox

RESPONDER: Forwarded request to FSIS for reply 11/28/2005

DATE REVD: 11/25/2005 **DATE DUE:** **DATE REPY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information on Cagle Foods JV,LLC, all documents on safety meetings, along with material on regulations regarding FSIS inspectors at Cagle on April 8, 2001.

APPEAL:

09-2006

FROM: Geosys
Charlie McCarty

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee/PECAD

DATE REVD: 12/1/2005 **DATE DUE:** 12/30/2005 **DATE REPLY:** 12/8/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: P/T 4&5 **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information specific crop data from CADRE system of the USDA-FAS-PECAD office. The data is described in a document on the USDA website.

Requests denied under exemption 4, commercial information, exemption 5, inter-agency. Provided explanation on data requested along with a table with a summary of data.

APPEAL:

10-2006

FROM: Eric D. Statman
Lovells

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 12/9/2005 **DATE DUE:** 1/10/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 1/13/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES: \$486.10 (Received 2/27/06)

REMARKS: Requests information on USDA CCC Supplier Credit Program, for payment guarantee numbers: GSM-SCGP; 805150, 806447, 807274, 807828, 807954, and 808936. And all correspondence between CCC and AWB, and any affiliate. Also, all documents relating to Notice to Program Participants issued on Aug. 19, 2004.

1/13/06, provided information and withheld information under (b) (4), commercial or financial. Advised requester that we continue to search and will provide a fee estimate.

3/2/06, sent second group of documents with some redactions using (b)(4) and requested payment of \$486.10.

3/27/06, received check for \$486.10.

APPEAL:

11-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 12/13/2005 **DATE DUE:** 1/12/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 1/10/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests all documents, including reports, memos, on how the Mid-American International Agri-Trade Council (MIATCO) and Food Export USA-Northeast spent its money in 2003 and 2004. Information should include salaries, employee names, and a list of awards granted by the organizations.

Dec. 29, 2005, sent a letter to requester notifying him about checking with MIATCO on information request. On the same date, MOS sent a second letter to MIATCO requesting comment on status of records under review. Valerie Bowles is the MOS contact, 202-205-7785.

Jan. 10, 2006, sent records as requested. Note: expenditure data on Market Access Program covers year 2003, 2004 expenses are incomplete at this time. FAS does not have access to MIATCO and Food Export USA NE salary information.

APPEAL:

12-2006

FROM: Terry Torreance

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 12/15/2005 **DATE DUE:** 1/17/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 12/29/2005

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information on American Quarter Horse Association under the Market Access Program and/or Foreign Market Development Program, and what product they are promoting.

Provided documents requested on allocations to the American Quarter Horse Association from FY 2000 TO 2005 under Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program. The Association did not receive funding under Market Access Program. (10D)

APPEAL:

13-2006

FROM: Sarah J. Sterken
DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee/MOS

DATE REVD: 12/16/2005 **DATE DUE:** 1/18/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 1/17/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information from 2003 to present relating to grants to U.S. Wheat Associates under the following FAS programs: MAP, FMD, EMG, QSP, and section 108.

Jan. 17, 2006, went copies of all records from Jan. 2003 to Dec. 2005, relating to FAS grants to U.S. Wheat Associates (USWA) for the following FAS programs: MAP, FMD, EMP, QSP, and Section 108.

APPEAL:

14-2006

FROM: Soltysinski Kawecki & Szlezak
Rudolf Ostrihansky

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh – FAA/Sebranek

DATE REVD: 12/20/2005 **DATE DUE:** 1/20/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 1/9/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information from January 1988 to present reflecting consideration of reporting on production of isoglucose in the Republic of Poland. Also, information on isoglucose quotas by Republic of Poland and meetings regarding Cargill's operations in Poland and any U.S. government officials.

Provided Global Agriculture Information Network (GAIN) reports on grain and sugar production in Poland, 1999 to 2004. (12D)

APPEAL:

15-2006

FROM: ADRA Adventist Development and Relief Agency International
Mabel Valdivia

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 1/4/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/1/2006 **DATE REPY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests access to approved proposals for both Food for Progress Proposals and McGovern-Dole Food for Education programs submitted for FY 2005 and FY 2006.

On 2/21/06, provided requester with cost estimate of \$284.00 for conducting search and asked if it was ok to proceed.

On 2/27/06, requester gave authorization to conduct the search.

On 6/27/06. requester asked if we could recalculate fees for searching only for McGovern-Dole proposals for 2005 and 2006.

APPEAL:

16-2006

FROM: U.S. Wheat Associates
Dawn Forsythe

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 1/23/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/21/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 2/17/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests copies of all records relating to the participation of AWB USA Limited, or any affiliated companies, in the Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP) from 1998 to present.

Provided interim response with redacted documents under exemption 5 on Feb. 17, 2006. Also advised requester about a fee for search time. [Combined this request with 22-2006.]

APPEAL:

17-2006

FROM: Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies
Paul Rienstra-Munnicha

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 1/25/2005 **DATE DUE:** 2/23/2006 **DATE REPY:** 2/6/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES: **\$28.00**

REMARKS: Requests copies of Export Credit Guarantee Program Activity for the GSM-102, announced and approved, total export value, countries, commodities, end-of-fiscal-year summary, 1981 to 1993.

FAS provided documents as requested. (9D)

APPEAL:

18-2006

FROM: McKenna Long & Aldridge
Lisa M. Norrett

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 2/3/2005 **DATE DUE:** 3/6/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 3/21/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: no records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests request info. on whether Kellogg entities built a plant in Baiji, Iraq, that was used in the production of chemical and biological weapons prior to the first Gulf War.

No records found.

APPEAL:

19-2006

FROM: CoBank
Candace A. Roper

RESPONDER: EC/Tillsworth

DATE REVD: 2/8/2005 **DATE DUE:** 3/9/2006 **DATE REPY:** 4/27/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests information reflecting year-to-date activity under the GSM programs for the 2005 fiscal year, by bank, allocation, country, and guarantee value.

3/16/06 – Requested 10-day extension via e-mail to CoBank.

APPEAL:

20-2006

FROM: Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Andrea Fowler

RESPONDER: EC/Tillsworth

DATE REVD: 2/14/2005 **DATE DUE:** 3/15/2006 **DATE REPY:** 6/2/06

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests all records relating to the participation of AWB USA Limited, or any affiliated companies in the USDA Supplier Credit Program from 1998 to present. Also, request records on Indonesia registered company PT Sekawan Makmur from 1998 to present.

Released 200 pages with redactions. Redactions made under exemptions (b)(4) and (b)(5).

APPEAL:

21-2006

FROM: ARI Global Inc.
Parker L. Freeman

RESPONDER: Chambliss/EC

DATE REVD: 2/24/2006 **DATE DUE:** 3/24/2006 **DATE REPY:** 6/25/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests a list of all U.S. companies that participate in the SGGP for the past 24 months. Information should include name, address, email, contacts, etc. Also, information on banks.

Sent request to EC via email on 2/27/2006.

Sent email to Mr. Freeman on 4/26/2006 advising him to expect response in the near future.

Response included a spreadsheet with data requested but noted that we do not collect information regarding a policy issuance date, annual premiums, SIC codes or business descriptions.

APPEAL:

22-2006

FROM: U.S. Wheat Associates
Dawn Forsythe

RESPONDER: EC/Chambliss

DATE REVD: 3/1/2006 **DATE DUE:** 3/29/2006 **DATE REPY:** 5/23/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES: PAID \$800.00/check no. 36428/5/25/06/CN 036428 – Provided check to Budget Office on 5/31/06

REMARKS: Follow-up requests for copies of all records relating to the participation of AWB USA Limited, or any affiliated companies, in the Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP) from 1998 to present.

Provided documents with redactions using (b)4 and (b)(5).

APPEAL:

23-2006

FROM: Theresa Wieburg, Washington DC

RESPONDER: OA/Washington

DATE REVD: 3/1/2006 **DATE DUE:** 3/29/2006 **DATE REPY:** 3/29/06

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copies of all FOIA request submitted to USDA by TV networks, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, and FOX, from FY 1999 to 2004.

Provided copy of one request from NBC News from year 2000. (20D)

APPEAL:

24-2006

FROM: JiJi Press, Washington Office
Mr. Ken Karube, Bureau Chief

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee/DL&P

DATE REVD: 3/8/2006 **DATE DUE:** 4/5/2006 **DATE REPY:** 5/10/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copies of all letters or memoranda exchanged between Secretary Johanns and Japanese Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Nakagwa, regarding the halting of beef imports from the United States to Japan.

3/30/06 – Requested ten-day extension – next due date 4/19/06

4/6/06 – Called requester to see if still interested in material. Mr. Karube said he was. Asked DL&P to continue search and respond as soon as possible.

5/10/06 – Forwarded one document to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service for direct reply to requester. Notified requester.

APPEAL:

25-2006

FROM: Sid Nelson

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/14/2006 **DATE DUE:** 4/11/2006 **DATE REPY:** 3/16/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** no

FEES:

REMARKS: Request copy of Trade Adjustment Assistance petition filed by the United Fishermen of Alaska group, probably in 2003. The petition produced benefits for Salmon fishermen based on 2002 and 2003 salmon fishing season.

Provided documents as requested. (2D)

APPEAL:

26-2006

FROM: Edward B. Vaughan, Jr.
Champaign, IL

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 3/21/2006 **DATE DUE:** 4/18/2006 **DATE REPY:** 4/6/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request documents on the results of BSE test performed by APHIS, along with the cost estimate and staffing levels associated with administering testing. Also, request 45-page document from the U.S. Government to the Japanese government regarding actions that the United States would take to ensure that there would be no repetition of the incident in which beef spinal cord or similar material was exported to Japan in error.

3/30/06 – Requested 10-day extension via email to review files. Provided information on where other documents maybe available online. Next due date is end of April.

4/6/06 - Advised requester that 45-page document is available from USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service web site. Sent message via email. (13D)

APPEAL:

27-2006

FROM: Mark Somers
Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

RESPONDER: EC/Tilsworth

DATE REVD: 4/26/2006 **DATE DUE:** 5/24/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/31/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES: **\$1,725.80** Received check on 10/5/06

REMARKS: Request cited documents in the "Evidence" field of the Agricultural Export Credit Guarantee Programs assessment, by ExpectMore.gov (Program Code 10002020).

5/23/06 - Requested 10-day extension.

APPEAL:

28-2006

FROM: Privacy Act Request

29-2006

FROM: Roland Rittner
Rochester, Mi

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 5/3/2006 **DATE DUE:** 5/31/2006 **DATE REPY:** 5/30/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes/SK

FEES:

REMARKS: Request the TASC report done by the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin that was funded February 2005 and February 2006 project re: Pesticide Research on Ginseng Root to overcome technical barriers threatening exports of U.S. ginseng to China.

Provided documents as requested. (19D)

APPEAL:

30-2006

FROM: Effingham Embree, Jr., President – AM – CAN, INC.
Bloomington, IL

RESPONDER: OA/Washington/Compliance Review Staff/Docs

DATE REVD: 5/8/2006 **DATE DUE:** 6/6/2006 **DATE REPY:** 5/9/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Request any correspondence with and about U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc., and the National Swine Registry (NSR) as it relates to previous communication with FAS about NSR and their employees' conflict of interest since last communication of Oct. 1, 2003.

5/9/06 – Provided Nov. 5 03 letter to Michael Phillips from Huttenlocker, Oct. 7, 03, letter to Huttenlocker from Michael Phillips, and job description. (1D)

6/30/06 Received faxed letter (that originally was sent in May but USDA returned to sender) stating that Mr. Embree believed there were more documents than what was sent.

7/6/06 Sent letter to Mr. Embree stating that documents sent in May were all that FAS had discovered and giving him his appeal rights.

APPEAL:

31-2006

FROM: Privacy Act Request

32-2006

FROM: Peter Rihs, Societe Generale
New York, New York

RESPONDER: EC/Tilsworth

DATE REVD: 5/15/2006 **DATE DUE:** 6/13/2006 **DATE REPY:** 6/20/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Request a copy of Commodity Credit Corporation fiscal year 2005 GSM-102 program activity report by: Country/Region, US Bank, Foreign Bank, Registered Guarantee Value, Registered Port Value, Exported Amount (if feasible), Exporter, and Importer.

APPEAL:

33-2006

FROM: Rudolf Effing
Deutsche Bank, New York Branch

RESPONDER: EC/Tilsworth

DATE REVD: 5/16/2006 **DATE DUE:** 6/15/2006 **DATE REPY:** 6/6/06

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Request the following information: The first and last registration number for FY 2004 under the GSM-102 program; For each guarantee issued, the name of applicant (US exporter), foreign bank (borrower), assignee (US based bank), as well as the amount (port value).

APPEAL:

34-2006

FROM: Luke Engan
Inside U.S. Trade, Arlington, VA

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 5/24/2006 **DATE DUE:** 6/22/2006 **DATE REPY:** 6/9/06

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** Yes

FEES:

REMARKS:

Request a copy of World Trade Organization submission USDA provided regarding Indonesia's proposal to change its fruit import regulations.

APPEAL:

35-2006

FROM: B.J. Walker, Attorney
Rose Law Firm

RESPONDER: EC/Tilsworth

DATE REVD: 6/7/2006 **DATE DUE:** 7/7/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 7/25/06

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests all documents relating to Food for Progress agreements FCC-620-2004/051-00-A and FCC-620-2002/1039-00. Documents related may be from Mobile Producing Nigeria, Midland Rice, or the International Partnership for Human Development.

On 7/25/2006, sent interim reply. Requester asked to review documents before search continued for additional documents.

APPEAL:

36-2006

FROM: Len Bruzesse, Executive Director
Association of Health Care Journalists

RESPONDER: OA/Klusaritz

DATE REVD: 6/12/2006 **DATE DUE:** 7/11/2006 **DATE REPY:** 7/3/06

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests an electronic database of all media-generated FOIA requests made to FAS beginning Jan. 1, 2001 through present. Requests all electronic fields including name, address, media affiliation, date of FOIA request, description of information requested, agency response, requester appeal, date fulfilled, feed paid and any information gathered.

APPEAL:

37-2006

FROM: Roy W. Davis, General Manager
Native American Development, LLC
Via Andrea Fowler

RESPONDER: OCBD/Croushorn

DATE REVD: 6/12/2006 **DATE DUE:** 7/11/2006 **DATE REPY:** 4/16/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests list of all Section 416(b) programs from 1993-2005, and all documents relating to Section 416(b) programs with Yemen from 1997-2004.

On 4/16/2007, OCBD provided documents.

APPEAL:

38-2006

FROM: Luke Engan
Inside U.S. Trade, Arlington, VA

RESPONDER: ITP/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 7/7/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/4/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 7/13/06

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Request a copy of a technical letter on or about June 16, 2006, that was sent to Indonesia. The letter details technical inaccuracies with Indonesia's import regulations for fruit fly control, Agriculture Decree 37. The letter is a follow-up to the World Trade Organization submission USDA provided regarding Indonesia's proposal to change its fruit import regulations (FOIA request 34-2006).

ITP informed Klusaritz that documents originated in APHIS. Spoke with Janice Shipman, APHIS FOIA officer, who informed me that Engan had submitted same request to APHIS. APHIS to respond to requester. Spoke to Engan 7/13/06 to inform him that APHIS will respond.

APPEAL:

39-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 7/12/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/9/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/24/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests access to and copies of invoices, annual reports and/or databases that show government expenditures on Foreign Market Development Cooperators' offices both in the US and abroad for the past two fiscal years.

APPEAL: **Appealed 9/6/06**

40-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 7/12/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/9/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/28/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests access to and copies of documentation that reflects how the Foreign Market Development Cooperators spent the money they were allotted in the past two fiscal years.

APPEAL: **Appealed 9/6/06**

41-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 7/12/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/9/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/24/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Partial **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests access to and copies of documents that reflect program allocations for fiscal year 2005 and 2006. Also would like back-up documents that reflect how that money was spent.

Denied 2005 and 2006 expenditures as they are "current." Provided 2005 MAP allocations 2006 available at end of fiscal year.

APPEAL: **Appealed 9/6/06**

42-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 7/12/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/9/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 8/28/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Partial **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests access to and copies of documentation that reflects USDA spending on office space for cooperators both in the U.S. and abroad, including a breakdown of expenses for each office, for the past two fiscal years.

APPEAL: **Appealed 9/6/06**

43-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: CMP/Lee

DATE REVD: 7/19/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/16/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/24/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** Yes **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests access to and copies of all Unified Export Strategies submitted to FAS for the last two fiscal years.

APPEAL: **Appealed 9/6/06**

44-2006

FROM: Tony Corbo
Food and Water Watch

RESPONDER: ATO, Philippines

DATE REVD: 7/27/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/24/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/15/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests copies of records related to a food irradiation study in the Philippines. The study is cited in a Manila press article the quotes the FAS ATO director.

APPEAL:

45-2006

FROM: Mark Somers
Agricultural Trade Analyst

RESPONDER: EC/Tilsworth

DATE REVD: 7/27/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/24/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/9/06

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** Yes **REVIEWED:** No

FEES:

REMARKS:

Requests copies of announced allocations and exporter applications received under GSM-102 broken down for individual countries for FY 2001-2005.

APPEAL: Received 9/12/06

Appeal package to OGC 1/23/2007

46-2006

FROM: Andrew Martin
Chicago Tribune

RESPONDER: OA/Klusaritz

DATE REVD: 8/2/2006 **DATE DUE:** 8/30/2006 **DATE REPLY:** 8/2/06

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS:

Via the Department, requests access to all FOIA requests submitted by the Washington Post, and/or Dan Morgan, Sarah Cohen or Gilbert Gaul during the last three years.

No records found.

APPEAL:

47-2006

FROM: Natalie Alm
CARE USA

RESPONDER: OA/Compliance

DATE REVD: 8/8/2006 **DATE DUE:** 9/6/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/22/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** No

FEES:

REMARKS:

Original request was emailed on June 6, 2006 to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce; they sent a letter to requester and sent request to Andrea Fowler; she sent it to Kathy Donaldson, OCFO on July 5; Peter Laub of OCFO emailed it to FAS Compliance Staff on 7/12/06; PAD received request on 8/8; to Rob Huttenlocker on 8/9. He asked for OGC contact. On Aug. 20, Rob Huttenlocker recommended the FOIA be reassigned to Babette Gainer and Ron Croushorn and Rob and Babbette agreed.

APPEAL:

48-2006

FROM: Shirley A. Coffield
COFFIELDLAW

RESPONDER: ITP, Sugar Group

DATE REVD: 8/10/2006 **DATE DUE:** 9/8/2006 **DATE REPY:** 9/25/06

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: She wants a response in 10 days.

APPEAL:

49-2006

FROM: Steven C. Berry
Omaha, Neb.

RESPONDER: Legislative Affairs

DATE REVD: 8/18/2006 **DATE DUE:** 9/18/2006 **DATE REPY:** 9/13/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requesting all records of FAS meetings between Sen. E. Benjamin Nelson and FAS during Veneman's tenure related to the 2002 Farm Bill.

APPEAL:

50-2006

FROM: Donald M. Iwanski
Dothan, Alabama

RESPONDER: OA-Klusaritz/CMP-Doorn

DATE REVD: 8/21/2006 **DATE DUE:** 9/18/2006 **DATE REPY:** 8/25/06

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requesting documents related to USDA's efforts in the Phoenix Islands during the period 1978-1979. Specifically documents related to replanting, modification, or removal of any aircraft wreckage. Also, any documentation regarding use of the Glomar Explorer AG192 for this effort.

APPEAL:

51-2006

FROM: Stephen S. Spraitzar
Law Offices of George R. Tuttle
San Francisco, California

RESPONDER: ITP

DATE REVD: 8/25/2006 DATE DUE: 9/25/2006 DATE REPY: 8/25/06

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests copies of waivers submitted to USDA that pertain to imported sugar, and any decisions by USDA on these requests. Requests expedited handling. He requests expedited processing.

APPEAL:

52-2006

FROM: Terrence Henry via State Department
The Atlantic Monthly

RESPONDER: Klusaritz, OA

DATE REVD: 9/7/2006 **DATE DUE:** 10/5/2006 **DATE REPY:** 9/7/06

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: State Department requested USDA review of a memo from FAS that pertains to Henry's request for daily briefings and memos by the State Department's Iran Working Group to the White House during the period November 4, 1979 to January 20, 1981. State has no objection to the release of the memos. FAS should respond directly to the requester. FAS grants release of the documents except for redacting a home phone number of the author under exemption (b)4.

APPEAL:

53-2006

FROM: Renee Sharp
Environmental Working Group

RESPONDER: Tilsworth, EC

DATE REVD: 9/8/2006 **DATE DUE:** 10/6/2006 **DATE REPY:** 1/24/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: Forwarded **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests records on the type and quantity of seafood purchased for food aid programs from 1996-2004. Also, the value of the seafood purchased, name and location of the firms, and what program the seafood was purchased under.

On 1/24/2007, forwarded to FSA after Ron Croushorn/Babette Gainor determined FSA was source of information.

APPEAL:

54-2006

FROM: Rachel B. Rosen
FOIA Insight, Inc.

RESPONDER: Klusaritz, OA

DATE REVD: 9/26/2006 **DATE DUE:** 10/25/2006 **DATE REPY:** 9/29/06

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests records relating to Allied Capital and/or Business Loan Express, LLC from 2000 to present.

APPEAL:

Foreign Agricultural Service
FY 2007 FOIA LOG

01-2007

FROM: Christopher Jones
Keogh, Cox and Wilson, Ltd.

RESPONDER: Biotech Group

DATE REVD: 10/11/2006 **DATE DUE:** 11/8/2006 **DATE REPY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests records related to Bayer Cropscience, Liberty Link Rice Issue, LL601 Rice.

APPEAL:

02-2007

FROM: Brian Leighton
Law Offices of Brian C. Leighton

RESPONDER: CMP, MOS

DATE REVD: 10/18/2006 **DATE DUE:** 11/16/2006 **DATE REPY:** 12/1/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** No

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests records related to the California Tomato Commission and its participation in the Market Access Program from 2001 to the present.

APPEAL:

03-2007

FROM: Judicial Watch via Department of Commerce

RESPONDER: ITP, Sheikh

DATE REVD: 10/27/2006 **DATE DUE:** 11/27/2006 **DATE REPY:** 11/8/06

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Judicial Watch requested information on the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. During its search, Commerce located two documents that originated in USDA. Commerce has referred to USDA for direct reply to requester.

APPEAL:

04-2007

FROM: Privacy Act Request

05-2007

FROM: Michael Ravnitzky

RESPONDER: OA/Klusaritz

DATE REVD: 11/14/2006 **DATE DUE:** 12/13/2006 **DATE REPY:** 11/20/06

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests documents related to interagency agreements between USDA and the Library of Congress/Federal Research Division between Jan. 1, 2000 to present.

APPEAL:

06-2007

FROM: Privacy Act Request

07-2007

FROM: Henry Hayes

RESPONDER: OA/Public Affairs

DATE REVD: 12/14/2006 **DATE DUE:** 1/15/2007 **DATE REPY:** 12/14/2006

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** Yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests foreign buyer list, export directory and other miscellaneous publications.

APPEAL:

08-2007

FROM: Manny Fernandez
CoBank

RESPONDER: OA/Public Affairs

DATE REVD: 1/12/2007 **DATE DUE:** 2/12/2007 **DATE REPY:** 2/9/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** No

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests GMS-102 registration data from FY 2006.

APPEAL:

09-2007

FROM: Brian Leighton
Law Offices of Brian C. Leighton

RESPONDER: Compliance

DATE REVD: 1/24/2007 **DATE DUE:** 2/22/2007 **DATE REPY:** 01/30/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests records related to the Raisin Administrative Committee approving the investigation of Marvin Horne, et al, any USDA approvals of said action, and any investigative reports, video footage, photographs, reports of interviews and/or notes from said interviews, or any other investigative reports authored by any USDA officials, RAC officials or any private security firms or private investigative firms relative to said investigation.

Compliance staff found no records. On Jan. 30, 2007, referred to AMS for its response.

APPEAL:

10-2007

FROM: Elena Howell
Hogan and Hartson

RESPONDER: OTP/Blum

DATE REVD: 2/1/2007 DATE DUE: 3/2/2007 DATE REPLY: 2/28/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: partial DENIED: (b)(4) REVIEWED: no

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests dollar amount of credits extended to wheat between 1996 and 2004 under the Supplier Credit Guarantee Program.

Partially granted. Information withheld under (b)(4).

APPEAL:

11-2007

FROM: Andrew Tran
Asia Link, LLC

RESPONDER: OA/Klusaritz

DATE REVD: 2/13/2007 **DATE DUE:** 3/14/2007 **DATE REPY:** 2/13/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests a list of wheat exporters that are in the possession of USDA. Sent suppliers list and forwarded to GIPSA.

APPEAL:

12-2007

FROM: Keith Yearman
College of DuPage via State Department

RESPONDER: OA

DATE REVD: 2/21/2007 DATE DUE: 3/21/2007 DATE REPY: 3/28/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: Yes DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: State Department forwarded two documents (which are actually the same cable) that it found in a request for documents relating to Mexican corn and the impact of NAFTA for the dates 1993-1995 and 2000-2002. Documents originated in FAS and State has no objection to the release of the documents. Documents cleared for release by ONA and AgMexico City.

APPEAL:

13-2007

FROM: Robert Russo
Washington, DC

RESPONDER: OA/Correspondence and Leg. Affairs

DATE REVD: 2/22/2007 **DATE DUE:** 3/22/2007 **DATE REPY:** Never Perfected

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Records between USDA and Senator Barack Obama, former Senator John Edwards, Senator Joe Biden, Senator Chris Dodd, Senator John McCain, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and General Wesley Clark.

On May 21, 2007, the USDA FOIA officer closed the file on this request because it was never perfected.

APPEAL:

14-2007

FROM: Robert Russo
Washington, DC

RESPONDER: OA/Public Affairs/K. Miller

DATE REVD: 2/22/2007 **DATE DUE:** 3/22/2007 **DATE REPY:** 2/23/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: No records **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: All FOIA requests to USDA from Senator Barack Obama, former Senator John Edwards, Senator Joe Biden, Senator Chris Dodd, Senator John McCain, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and General Wesley Clark.

APPEAL:

15-2007

FROM: Michael Doyle
McClatchy Newspapers
Washington, DC

RESPONDER: OTP/Blum

DATE REVD: 3/5/2007 **DATE DUE:** 4/2/2007 **DATE REPY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Copies of MAP applications for 2004, 2005 and 2006 by the Wine Institute, California Table Grape Commission, California Cling Peach Board, California Walnut Commission and Blue Diamond Growers/Almond Board of California. Also program evaluations, audits, and other reports covering the same recipients for the same three years.

APPEAL:

16-2007

FROM: Emma Brown
Center for Investigative Reporting
Berkeley, CA

RESPONDER: OCBD/Sheikh

DATE REVD: 3/19/2007 **DATE DUE:** 4/16/2007 **DATE REPY:** 7/9/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: yes **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:** yes

FEES:

REMARKS: Letters and memoranda concerning both the U.S.-India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative and India's intellectual property rights laws/policies. Also letters and memoranda concerning both the U.S.-India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative and the U.S.-India nuclear cooperation agreement. For both topics, she requests documents between June 1, 2004 and March 1, 2007.

4/11/2007: Forwarded request to USDA acting FOIA officer for processing to Under Secretary's office.

5/4/2007: Sent three documents to the State Department and one document to USAID for direct response to requester.

5/7/2007: Provided 396 pages: 338 in entirety and 26 with redactions citing (b)(5).

APPEAL:

17-2007

FROM: Gerry van der Kamp-Alons
The Netherlands

RESPONDER: ONA/Riemenschneider

DATE REVD: 3/26/2007 **DATE DUE:** 4/23/2007 **DATE REPLY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests copies of all records pertaining to meetings and negotiations between U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture and German and French government officials during the Uruguay Round. The request lists 12 such meetings that occurred from 1988 through 1992.

Sent letter April 12, 2007, advising him that search fee would be at least \$300.

APPEAL:

18-2007

FROM: Christopher Farrell
Judicial Watch via Department of Homeland Security

RESPONDER: OA/Klusaritz

DATE REVD: 3/29/2007 **DATE DUE:** 4/26/2007 **DATE REPY:** 4/12/2007

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests records pertaining to the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. DHS found a document in its files that originated in FAS. DHS redacted several names in an email list using exemptions (b)(2) and (b)(6).

After discussions with OGC on 4/10/2007, document was returned to DHS of 4/12/2007 for disposition, telling them that FAS had no problem with releasing the document.

On 4/12/2007, sent letter to Mr. Farrell informing him that the document was returned to DHS for disposition and response to him.

APPEAL:

19-2007

FROM: Michael Doyle
McClatchy Newspapers

RESPONDER: OTP/Blum

DATE REVD: 4/06/2007 **DATE DUE:** 5/04/2007 **DATE REPY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests copies of applications, audits and evaluations for TASC grants made by: CA Fig Advisory Board and CA Walnut Commission (2001-2002); CA Grape and Tree Fruit League and CA Table Grape Commission (02-03); CA Fig Advisory Board, CA Grape and Tree Fruit League, CA Pistachio Commission (04-05); Ginseng Board of Wisc. (06-07).

APPEAL:

20-2007

FROM: Robert M. O'Boyle
Strasburger Attorneys at Law
Austin, Texas

RESPONDER: OTP/Blum

DATE REVD: 4/19/2007 DATE DUE: 5/17/2007 DATE REPLY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Documents related to sales of commodities under GSM programs by Vista Exports, Corp., Virgo Commodities Corp., Alamo Feeders, Inc., U.S.A. Grain Co. and U.S.A. Meat and Grain Co., Inc. The importers are Internacional Grain, Saldana y Gomes Granos y Similas, Inter-Grain, Empacadora VI-BA, and Ragasa. The financials institutions are J.P. Morgan Chase, PNB Paribas, and Bank of Texas.

APPEAL:

21-2007

FROM: Donald Butler
The Ottawa Citizen
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

RESPONDER: OTP/Brant

DATE REVD: 5/1/2007 DATE DUE: 5/30/2007 DATE REPLY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: The Department of Commerce located USDA documents when responding to a request for reports and minutes of meetings by the working groups operating as part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

APPEAL:

22-2007

FROM: Joyce Battle
The National Security Archive
Washington, DC

RESPONDER: OCBD/Sheikh and OFSO/Lee

DATE REVD: 5/16/2007 **DATE DUE:** 6/14/2007 **DATE REPY:**

REQUEST GRANTED: **DENIED:** **REVIEWED:**

FEES:

REMARKS: All documents from January 1 through June 30, 2003 concerned with the dissemination and implementation of NSPD 24 in which President Bush directed agencies to detail experts to assist with the administration of Iraq. This included support for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance and its successor, the Coalition Provisional Authority.

5/24/2007: OFSO responded that they have no records.
6/5/2007: OCBD has no records.

APPEAL:

23-2007

FROM: Marcus Baram
ABC News
New York, NY

RESPONDER: OA

DATE REVD: 5/22/2007 DATE DUE: 6/20/2007 DATE REPLY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests correspondence logs from January 1, 2005, to May 16, 2007, for all communications between USDA and Mitt Romney, John McCain, Barack Obama, Rudy Giuliani, and Hillary Clinton.

APPEAL:

24-2007

FROM: Kyle Weimann
International Longshore & Warehouse Union
Washington, DC

RESPONDER: OA

DATE REVD: 5/23/2007 DATE DUE: 6/21/2007 DATE REPY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests documents related to MAP program applications and awards to Blue Diamond Growers and the Almond Board of California between 1996 and 2007.

APPEAL:

25-2007

FROM: Jeffrey S. Vogt
AFL-CIO
Washington, DC

RESPONDER: OSTA

DATE REVD: 5/31/2007 DATE DUE: 6/28/2007 DATE REPLY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: While processing a request, the Commerce Department found records originating with FAS about the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. Commerce referred the records to FAS for direct reply to the requester.

APPEAL:

26-2007

FROM: Michael Ravnitzky
Silver Spring, MD

RESPONDER: OA

DATE REVD: 6/5/06 DATE DUE: 7/3/2007 DATE REPY:

REQUEST GRANTED: DENIED: REVIEWED:

FEES:

REMARKS: Requests FOIA logs for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007.

APPEAL: