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March 9, 2011

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Dear Ms. Korotoga:

This is a response to your February 4, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for correspondence, memoranda, e-mails, reports, and studies regarding animals and animal inventories concerning 20 Circuses during the years 2008, 2009, and 2010. The Animal Care program sent animal inventories for 2008, 2009, and 2010 for most of the Circuses listed in your request. Your request was received in this office on February 4, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-238. We apologize for the delay of this response.

As Deborah Leilich of my staff advised in her March 4, 2011, e-mail to you, Inspection reports can be accessed on the web:

Please note that copies of inspection reports are now available on our Animal Care web site. To access all available APHIS inspection reports, please visit the APHIS homepage at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov> and click on **FOIA Reading Room** (a bullet item located in the light blue box on the right-hand portion of the screen). Then, click on **Lists of active licensed and registered facilities**, a bullet item located under a Frequently Requested Documents heading. Then, about halfway down that next page, click **Inspection Reports and License and Registration List**. There, you will be able to access a searchable database.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 249 pages of responsive records consisting of animal inventories which are contained on the enclosed CD-ROM. These records are appropriate for release in their entirety, without redaction.

We have been advised by Animal Care that animal inventory data for: Bailey Brothers Circus, Shrine Circus, Circus Royal, Bentley Brothers Circus, Circus Gatti and Hendrick Brothers Circus were not located. Universal Soul Circus does not own animals but they travel with Kalmanson (58-C-0505) whose records are included with this response. There are no records for Sterling & Reid/Toby Tyler Circus



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because their license was cancelled in 2005. There are no records for Culpepper & Merriweather Circus which is also known as Key Equipment Co., Inc. whose records are included with this response.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

You may appeal our partial no records determination. 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, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-238 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at (301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,

for 
Tonya G. Woods
Director

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