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Via E-mail Only
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OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST # 1275

Dear Mr. Hammond:

Please accept this letter as the University Custodian's follow-up response to your request for records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"). Via letter dated May 15, 2012, we provided responsive records and requested an extension of time to search for and provide the remaining records responsive to Items 4 and 5 of your request. This office now responds as follows:

Item 4

You requested the itinerary and receipt for each airfare involving travel to Africa by James Simon, or other persons currently or formerly affiliated with his lab, including but not limited to H. Rodolfo Juliani, Quing Li Wu and Cara Welch from January 1, 2006 to the present. On May 15, 2012, we provided you with records for 2012 and 2011 and advised you the Department of Plant Biology and Pathology was still searching for records for the years 2006 through 2010. We are now providing the following records:

1. 1275 Travel 12-15-06 JS
2. 1275 Travel 1-7-07 JS
3. 1275 Travel 2-8-07 JS
4. 1275 Travel 4-15-07 JS
5. 1275 Travel 10-22-07 JS
6. 1275 Travel 3-29-08 JS
7. 1275 Travel 2-25-06 HJ
8. 1275 Travel 8-19-06 HJ
9. 1275 Travel 11-12-06 HJ
10. 1275 Travel 1-7-07 HJ
11. 1275 Travel 2-8-07 HJ

12. 1275 Travel 4-10-07 HJ
13. 1275 Travel 10-21-07 HJ
14. 1275 Travel 5-5-09 HJ
15. 1275 Travel 2-25-06 RG

These records are being provided to you in a winzip file entitled "1275 Item 4 Responsive Records 5-29-12." This file is being provided to you with this letter, via e-mail as requested.

Please be advised that the Department of Plant Biology and Pathology has been diligently searching for responsive records. However, due to multiple office personnel changes the records have not been easy to locate. I am requesting an additional extension until Friday June 8, 2012 to finalize our search to ensure we have located all responsive records.

Item 5

You requested "all contracts, subcontracts and work orders pursuant thereto with the US Agency for International Development in relation to The Partnership for Food Industry Development/Natural Products and/or the New Use Agricultural Plant Products program." The following two records are responsive to your request and are being provided with this letter, via e-mail as requested:

1. 424463 USAID Agreement – REDACTED
2. 425570 USAID Agreement – REDACTED

Please be advised that these records have been redacted to remove material that is exempt from OPRA. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, "pedagogical, scholarly and/or academic research records and/or the specific details of any research project conducted under the auspices of a public higher education institution in New Jersey." In accordance with this provision, project descriptions containing the details of the research projects have been redacted from each agreement.

Please note that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c), an agency is authorized to impose a special service charge where the agency must make an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate a request to inspect government records. Normally, and as permitted under OPRA, the University would impose a special service fee for redactions. As an accommodation to you, we will forgo the service fee for the documents provided with this response letter. We reserve the right, however, to charge service fees in other instances and for other requests, as appropriate and as permitted under OPRA.

The Division of Division of Grant and Contract Accounting has advised this office that one additional responsive record exists in warehouse storage and that additional time is needed to obtain the record. Accordingly, I am requesting an additional extension until June 8, 2012 to respond further.

If your request has been denied, you may take your appeal to the Government Records Council which has mediation and dispute resolution procedures or you may file a lawsuit with the New Jersey Superior Court, as provided by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. A brochure listing the procedures for appeal is being provided to you with this letter.

Very truly yours,



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