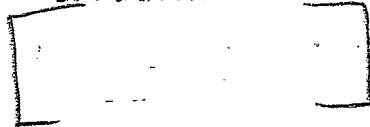


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June 12, 2002

US Securities & Exchange Commission
FOIA Office, Stop 0-5
6432 General Green Way
Alexandria, VA 22312-2413

Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: FOIA Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), please provide me with any documents or records regarding any informal and/or formal investigations and/or inquiries of MeadWestvaco Corporation by the Commission within the past three (3) years).

In addition, please send me copies of any SEC comment letters sent to or received from MeadWestvaco Corporation within the past two years.

If a confidentiality assertion is made, and until such time as it is resolved, I would prefer the Commission to grant a partial fulfillment of my request on any documents not in dispute until such time as any assertions are resolved on those that are.

This letter authorizes up to \$250 in search and related fees. Please invoice me accordingly and we will pay the invoices promptly. Also, please feel free to call me at 763-595-0900 with any questions or information regarding this request.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Patrick Gavin