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Mr. William Ferraggiaro
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Dear Mr. Ferraggiaro:

This responds to your September 3, 2002, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records concerning the USDA implementation of US Attorney General John Ashcroft's, October 12, 2001, memorandum on the US Freedom of Information Act.

After a search for records responsive to your request, it has been determined that USDA has no responsive records. You have the right to appeal this "no records" determination to the Director, Office of Communications, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-1300, within 45 days from the date of this letter. The term FOIA APPEAL should be placed in capital letters on the front of the envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-720-8164.

Sincerely,

Andrea E. Fowler
USDA Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications