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May 20, 2014

Ms. Ellen Sass
Mandell Menkes LLC
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Re: FOIA Request 14-337

Dear Ms. Sass:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on May 13, 2014, in which you requested:

“...all documents relating to the University of Illinois’ purchase of the Gwendolyn Brooks archives in 2013. In particular, I seek documents that show the identity of the seller and the amount paid for the archives.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 3 pages. Additionally, you may find this article from the Chicago Tribune useful, as it references the purchase of the Gwendolyn Brooks archives:
http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2014-01-03/site/chi-gwendolyn-brooks-archive-university-illinois-20140103_1_illinois-poet-laureate-poems-nora-brooks-blakely

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

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