March 23, 2015

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Re: FOIA #15-180

Dear Ms. Ball:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of April 6, 2014, and received in my office on April 7, 2014, in which you requested:

“• Any policy or operating procedure that addresses criteria used for forced or artificial weaning of nonhuman primates (NHPs) or other separation of NHPs from the mother. Such criteria may include, but is not limited to, age, weight, growth, development, behavior or test results.
• Any policy on length of time NHP mothers are housed with their offspring.
• Any policy or procedures related to the physical, psychological and behavioral care of NHPs artificially or forcibly weaned or otherwise separated from their mothers.
• Any policy or procedures related to the process of artificially or forcibly weaning or separating NHPs from their mother.
• Any policy or procedures related to surrogate-peer, peer-, hand- or nursery-rearing NHPs.
• Any records related to the process for developing and reviewing policies and procedures related to NHPs not raised by their biological mothers.
• Any and all records related to research protocols that necessitate forced or artificial weaning of NHPs or other separation of NHPs from the mother.”

A search was conducted and no records responsive to your request could be located.

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,

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and Chief Records Officer

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