# **EXHIBIT C**

to

Complaint

August 6, 2014 Letter from the IRS



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, DC 20224

August 6, 2014

Richard Bear and Stephanie Bear Ultra Property Services LLC 1490 East County Road 200 North Danville, IN 46122

Dear Richard Bear and Stephanie Bear:

I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 7, 2014 that we received on July 11, 2014.

You asked for administrative files pertaining yourselves and to Ultra Property Services LLC. Per our telephone discussion on July 29, 2014, it was determined that we would provide copies of all files that were located. Of the 353 pages located in response to your request, I am enclosing 353 pages. I am withholding 13 pages in part for the following reasons:

I am withholding 2 pages in part under FOIA exemption (b)(3). This exemption requires us to withhold information that is specifically exempted from disclosure by another law. The law supporting this exemption is Title 26 United States Code section 6103(a).

I am withholding 11 pages in part under FOIA exemption (b)(6). This portion of FOIA exempts from disclosure files that if released would clearly be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. These include medical, personnel, and similar files. We base the determination to withhold on a balancing of interests between the protection of an individual's right to privacy and the public's right to access government information.

The Supreme Court ruled that Congress intended the "similar files" provision to be construed broadly, so that all information which applies to a particular individual qualifies for consideration under exemption (b)(6).

In regard to the portion of your request for an account transcript pertaining to Ultra Property Services LLC, we have a routine agency procedure that should be used to obtain them. For your convenience, I am enclosing Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return. Instructions and mailing information are on the back of the form.

You also asked that the IRS produce an Authentication Certificate or other such notarized form attesting that the documents being provided are copies of official documents from the IRS's files. I have interpreted this portion of your request as seeking a certified copy of the enclosed information. The FOIA does not require that we certify documents in response to a FOIA request. Internal Revenue Code section 6103(p)(2) sets forth the requirement for certification of IRS records. That section only requires certification of tax returns. If you wish to obtain a certified copy of your tax return, please complete and submit the enclosed Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return. Instructions and mailing information are on the back of the form.

We are providing your documents in an electronic format. The enclosed CD contains your documents and is encrypted. The password to open the files is being mailed separately. If you determine you need a printed copy of the documents, please call Senior Disclosure Specialist D. J. Mauersberg at the phone number shown below. You will be charged \$.20 per page after an allowance of 100 pages at no charge for printed documents. There is no fee for the enclosed CD.

The redacted portion(s) of each page are marked by the applicable FOIA exemptions. This constitutes a partial denial of your request. I have enclosed Notice 393 explaining your appeal rights.

If you have any questions please call Senior Disclosure Specialist D. J. Mauersberg, ID # 1000149445, at 470-539-6681 or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Centralized Processing Unit – Stop 93A, PO Box 621506, Atlanta, GA 30362. Please refer to case number F14195-0070.

Sincerely,

Diana H Church Disclosure Manager

Sura A. Church

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Form 4506-T
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## Form **4506-T** (Rev, September 2013)

Request for Transcript of Tax Return

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Tip. Use Form 4506-T to order a transcript or other return information free of charge. See the product list below. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Return or Account Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946. If you need a copy of your return, use Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return. There is a fee to get a copy of your return.

| 1a   | Name                            | shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name   | 1b First social security number on tax  | return, Individual taxpayer identification  |
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|  | shown                           |  | number, or employer identification  | number (see Instructions)   |
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| 6  |                                 | script requested. Enter the tax form number here (1040, 100 per per request. ►   | 65, 1120, etc.) and check the appropri  | ate box below. Enter only one tax form  |
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| For Pr   | ivacy                           | Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 2.  | Cat. No. 37667N   | Form 4506-T (Rev. 9-2013)   |

Form 4506

(Rev. September 2013)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

### **Request for Copy of Tax Return**

▶ Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.

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| 2a                          | If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.   | 2b Second social security n<br>taxpayer identification n  |  |
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| 6                           | Tax return requested. Form 1040, 1120, 941, etc. and all attachments as schedules, or amended returns. Copies of Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ ar destroyed by law. Other returns may be available for a longer period of time. type of return, you must complete another Form 4506. ▶  | e generally available for 7 year  | s from filing before they are                            |
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| 8                           | Fee. There is a \$50 fee for each return requested. Full payment must be include be rejected. Make your check or money order payable to "United States Tre or EIN and "Form 4506 request" on your check or money order.   |   |  |
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| b                           | Number of returns requested on line 7   |   | \$   |
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Spouse's signature

Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)

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Date

### Information on an IRS Determination to Withhold Records Exempt From The Freedom of Information Act – 5 U.S.C. 552

#### **Appeal Rights**

You may file an appeal with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) within 35 days after we (1) deny you access to a record in whole or in part; (2) have made an adverse determination as to your category as a requester; (3) deny your request for a fee waiver or reduction; or (4) have advised you that no records responsive to your request exist. You may file an appeal within 10 days when a request for expedited processing has been denied.

Your appeal must be in writing, must be signed by you, and must contain:

Your name and address,

Description of the requested records,

Date of the request (and a copy, if possible),

Identity of the office and contact on the response letter, and Date of the letter denying the request (and a copy, if possible)

Mail your appeal to:

**IRS Appeals** 

Attention: FOIA Appeals

M/Stop 55202 5045 E. Butler Ave.

Fresno, California 93727-5136

#### **Judicial Review**

If we deny your appeal, or do not address an issue raised in your appeal within 20 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal public holidays) after the date we receive your appeal, you may file a complaint in United States District Court in the district in which (1) you reside; (2) your principal place of business is located; (3) the records are located; or (4) the District of Columbia. A complaint may be filed within 10 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal public holidays) after the date we receive your appeal if your appeal is from an adverse determination of a request for expedited processing. If you choose to file suit before receipt of a final determination by the Appeals office, the administrative appeals process may cease.

The rule for effecting service of judicial process upon the Internal Revenue Service is set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i). In addition to service upon the United States, as set forth in Rule 4(i)(1), service must be made upon the Internal Revenue Service by registered or certified mail as set forth in Rule 4(i)(2)(A).

The address of the Internal Revenue Service is: Internal Revenue Service, Attention CC:PA, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224.

#### **Exemptions**

The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, does not apply to matters that are:

- (b)(1) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified under such executive order,
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency,
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that the statute:
  - (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or
  - (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld.

Note: Internal Revenue Code sections 6103 and 6105 are statutes which qualify for exemption 3 treatment. Section 6103 protects the confidentiality of tax returns and information pertaining to a taxpayer collected by the IRS. Section 6105 protects information obtained from a foreign country under a tax treaty.

- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential,
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency,
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information:
  - (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings,
  - (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication,
  - (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
  - (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source.
  - (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or
  - (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions, or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

## EXHIBIT D

to

Complaint

April 28, 2015 Letter from A. Amparano, Disclosure Specialist, IRS



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, DC 20224

April 28, 2015

Todd Kasier, Esq.
Ogletree Deakins
111 Monument Circle, Suite 4600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Kasier:

I am responding to your subpoena for Richard and Stephanie Bear v. Michael P. Shanahan and MPS Ultra, received in our office on April 20, 2015. The subpoena requires the testimony of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Revenue Officer Michael R. Ripley, pertaining to a civil action court proceeding on May 4, 2015 at 10 am.

Since this is a civil case and the Internal Revenue Service is not a party to the litigation, we are not required to provide the requested testimony under the subpoena.

Two grounds support the conclusion that the IRS does not have to comply with a state court subpoena. They are the doctrine of sovereign immunity and the second is the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

The doctrine of sovereign immunity prevents a state court from exercising jurisdiction over United States Government agency actions. The Federal Government's sovereign immunity extends to cases where the Government has not consented to be subject to an action, to legal proceedings where the Government is named, or to cases where the effect of the state court judgment would be to restrain the Federal Government from acting or forcing it to act.

The Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution is a separate basis for opposing subpoenas issued by state courts. Federal law is the only means through which access to Federal documents/testimony may be sought and granted.

Tax records may be released only with proper authorization. Please see Internal Revenue Code section 6103. After we receive a valid consent from the taxpayer, you may be able to receive tax information through routine agency procedures, using Form 4506 or Form 8821. The forms and instructions are available for download at irs gov. The IRS must receive the consent within 120 days of the signature date.

Please note, we are returning your check numbered 15009308, in the amount of \$5.00.

If you have any questions please call Disclosure Specialist A. Amparano ID # 0220447, at 512-460-4433 or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Centralized Processing Unit – Stop 93A, PO Box 621506, Atlanta, GA 30362. Please refer to case number S15111-0030.

Sincerely,

A. Amparano

Disclosure Specialist
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