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From: Bridges, Gregory - AMS <Gregory.Bridges@ams.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 5:37 PM
To: Aram Gavoor
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) #2016-AMS-00276

Mr. Gavoor:

I was a pleasure speaking with you as well. We will process our response to your request under terms stated in your response. In addition, we will perform all necessary steps to comply with the guidance stated in the Executive of Office of the President's memorandum.

Greg Bridges

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From: Aram Gavoor [mailto:aram.gavoor@causeofaction.org]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Bridges, Gregory - AMS
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Dear Mr. Bridges:

It was a pleasure to speak with you. Per your email, please contact me after AMS has completed its search for Items three, four and five of my request. Depending on the volume of documents, I may wish to further clarify the scope of the request.

You mentioned during our conversation that AMS may be consulting with various entities in the government the hold "equity" in the documented requested in Items four and five. In discussing Item five – which requests records of communication between any employee of the American Egg Board and any employee of the Executive Office of the President – I understood you to indicate that the Department of Agriculture adheres to a memo describing pre-production consultations with the White House where FOIA requests implicate White House equities. Is the attached document, a memorandum from White House Counsel Gregory Craig to the general counsels of the executive departments and agencies, the memo you mentioned?

Again, thank you for your responsiveness and insight.

Kind regards,
Aram Gavoor

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To: Aram Gavoor

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Dear Gavoor:

This is a follow-up to our teleconference on October 19, 2015, regarding FOIA #2016-AMS-00276-F (see attached). During this discussion, you requested to be contacted after AMS has completed our search for items three, four, and five on your request in order to possibly narrow the scope of the request.

Please reply back to this request stating the information above is accurate. If any revisions are needed, please reply back with required changes. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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