October 7, 1998

Willette L. Smith  
Freedom of Information Officer  
USAID M/AS/IRD  
Room 2.7C  
Ronald Reagan Building  
Washington DC 20523-2701

Dear Ms. Smith:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we hereby request a copy of USAID grant 656-0217-G-SS-3016-00, executed with Save the Children Federation on June 7, 1993; any amendments or extensions thereto; and any Monthly or Quarterly Evaluations, Narrative Reports, or Work Plans submitted to USAID reflecting the performance of this grant.

Finally, we are seeking copies of all reviews of Financial and Administrative Systems for the Children & War Project (656-0210/7) by the Financial Analysis Division, Office of the Controller, USAID/Mozambique.

As you know, the Freedom of Information Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release then "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. We are, therefore, requesting that if you determine that some portions of the requested documents are exempt, you provide us with a copy of the remainder of the document in question. We reserve our right to appeal any such decision.

The Chicago Tribune is prepared to pay reasonable costs for locating the requested files and reproducing them. However, the Freedom of Information Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees if that "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public."

Because we plan to use this information in articles we are preparing for the Chicago Tribune, a daily newspaper with a paid circulation of five million copies per week, we feel this request plainly fits that category and ask you to waive any fees. If you
rule otherwise, and if the fees will exceed $50, we reserve our
rights under the statute to review and inspect the records that
are responsive to this request and to select those which we want
copied.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please
feel free to contact me by telephone or fax at the number listed
above. Otherwise, we expect to receive a reply within twenty
working days specifying whether the requested documents exist and
whether you intend to produce them.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

John Crewdson