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VIA FACSIMILE: 202-208-5048

Ms. Sue Ellen Sloca
 Freedom of Information Act Officer
 Office of the Secretary
 United States Department of the Interior
 Washington, D.C. 20240



Re: **Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Ms. Sloca:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §552, we respectfully request any and all materials within the possession, custody or control of the Department of the Interior which refer, reference or relate to the following:

1. Palmyra Pacific Seafoods, L.L.C. or Palmyra Pacific Enterprises L.L.C.;
2. Mr. Frank Sorba;
3. The operations of The Nature Conservancy on the Palmyra Atoll;
4. The establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge on the Palmyra Atoll;
5. The Nature Conservancy and the Palmyra Atoll;
6. Environmental permits, applications for environmental permits or similar authorizations for The Nature Conservancy operations on the Palmyra Atoll;
7. Assistant Secretary John Berry's determination that protecting the Palmyra Atoll is his top land acquisition priority;
8. Communications between the Department of Interior and The Nature Conservancy;
9. The identity and job titles of all Department of Interior personnel involved in the review of any and all operations on the Palmyra Atoll;

It is not our intent to impose an unnecessary administrative burden upon Department of Interior staff. We would be pleased to work with you and your staff to explain or reformulate this request as necessary to comply with its terms.

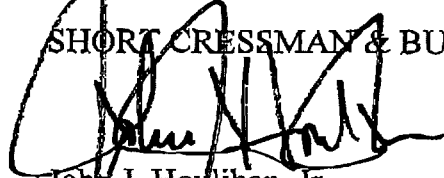
As provided in FOIA and Department of Interior regulations, 43 C.F.R. 2.17, we would appreciate your response to this request within ten (10) business days. If any part of this request is denied, please list the specific exemptions which are claimed for withholding information along with an identification of the records being withheld. If some but not all records are being withheld as exempt, please provide all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable. If we do not receive a response within this time, we will treat this request as denied.

We are willing to reimburse the Department of the Interior for review and copying of responsive records up to \$250.00. If this request would result in review or copying which would exceed this amount, please contact us by telephone so we may discuss the response and associated costs.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

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