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Ms. Ann Aldrich  
Executive Secretariat  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Room 10139  
451 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20410-3000

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
FOIA Requests by U.S. News and World Report

Dear Ms. Aldrich:

U.S. News and World Report, after extensive research, recently published two articles focusing on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Considering this, Ervin and Associates is requesting under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, copies of all FOIA requests and their responses which were submitted by U.S. News and World Report, including by their writers Tim Ito, Ed Pound, Penny Loeb, Warren Cohen, or Dana Coleman, since June 5, 1996.

Ervin and Associates understands that this will qualify as a "routine" request since the "records have been previously requested." Ervin and Associates agrees to pay all fees associated with the processing of this request up to \$100. If the processing fee will be greater than \$100, please call me at (301) 469-3422 to determine whether we will agree to the fee or if we will modify the request.

Very truly yours,  
ERVIN and ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

  
David Ervin

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