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

Re: New Freedom of Information Act Request On Nancy Andrews' Role in
HUD's Data Warehouse (Update of FI-149676 which has not been
responded to yet)

Dear Ms. Aldrich:

On July 24th, 1996, we submitted a FOIA request to your office regarding Nancy Andrews office space at HUD. In this FOIA request, we asked for information regarding what contracts, task orders, purchase orders, etc. that Ms. Andrews was working under that warranted her being provided office space at HUD in the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing's suite. Despite your written estimate that we would receive a response to this request by August 5, 1996, and verbal notification on August 19, 1996 that we would be sent the response by August 21, 1996, we have not received a single document responsive to our request.

Although it is now approaching six months from the date we submitted the original request, we are aware that when (or if) you finally respond to that request, you will only provide us with documents that were available on July 24, 1996. Considering this, please let this letter serve as a new FOIA request regarding Nancy Andrews. Since this is a new and separate request, this request should not contribute in any way to the already significant delay in your processing of our original request.

On September 11, 1996, Mark Eggar of the Government Accounting Office told us that Nancy Andrews was responsible for overseeing HUD's data warehouse system. The only contractual link we have been able to verify between Ms. Andrews and HUD, despite numerous FOIA requests, is that she worked as a subcontractor to Aspen Systems. The level of power that Ms. Andrews apparently has at HUD can not be explained by the information that has been released thus far.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information act, please provide us with all documentation regarding Ms. Andrews involvement with HUD's data warehouse system, including but not limited to:

- Contracts;
- Task Orders;

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- Purchase Orders;
- Justification for other than full and open competition, form HUD-24012, for any work Ms. Andrews has been awarded;
- Total funds allocated to any such contracts, task orders, etc.;
- Total dollars paid to Ms. Andrews; and
- Any conflict of interest notifications in HUD's possession regarding her relationship to Helen Dunlap.

Any documents which were provided to us in response to FI-149676 need not be reproduced for this FOIA request.

A recent I.G. report indicated that it was Helen Dunlap's decision to cut off MNS in its entirety and replace it with data warehouse. Considering Helen Dunlap's involvement in the data warehouse initiative and her personal relationship with Nancy Andrews, it does not seem right that Nancy Andrews would receive the benefits of the work on data warehouse, and the public has the right to scrutinize this relationship.

As such, releasing the requested information to us is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and is not primarily of a commercial interest. Considering this, we request a waiver of all fees relating to this request.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (301) 469-3422.

Very truly yours,
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