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Dear Mr. Axline:

I am writing in order to confirm the agreement we came to in our telephone conversation on May 18, 1984, in reference to your Freedom of Information Act request RIN-740-84, dated February 29, 1984.

In an effort to more clearly define the scope of that request we agreed that it would be sufficient for us to provide tables summarizing data and that it will not be necessary to provide raw laboratory data. You indicated your primary interest is in obtaining chain of custody information indicating the site from which the samples were taken, where and when the samples were tested and the results of the tests. I indicated to you that the Privacy Act or other legal constraints may prevent us from identifying the source from which samples were taken and, in those instances, the sources will be coded as they have been in response to your previous requests.

In regard to Item #1 in your request, it is my understanding that you are seeking information as to all samples taken in the Siuslaw National Forest from 1978 to the present, excluding raw data. In regard to Item #7, you indicated that your interest is not in every dioxin sample ever tested from Region 5, but, rather, those samples referenced on Table 7 of Dr. Gross' draft report and Region V samples referred to by Robert Harless in his testimony in the 2,4,5-T cancellation proceeding. I have identified this testimony as Exhibit #212. If chain of custody records or other relevant records are unavailable, we will identify that fact.

In our discussion of "incomplete documents" I indicated that the documents sent in response to an earlier FOIA request were in the form in which we maintained them in our records and that any further response as to these documents would result in duplication of the same documents which you have already received. If you can identify to us specific documents which appear to be

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