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Ms. Janet Benshoof
President, Global Justice Center
275 Seventh Ave., Suite 1502
New York, NY 10001

RE: F- 00185-11

Dear Ms. Benshoof:

This concerns your May 5 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for (1) the most recent contracts, grants, or agreements between USAID and the following:

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Darfur/Sudan
International Medical Corps
IRC
UNICEF
Grant #GPH-A-00-02-000030-00 (and most recent predecessor)
Universal Periodic Review (UPR) documents

You also ask for (2) expedited processing and (3) a fee waiver. I will respond to each item as listed in this letter.

1. Contracts, grants, and agreements

Our system is set up to locate contracts, grants, and agreements by number. Would you please provide that information to the FOIA office? Also, if you know the countries involved for the International Medical Corps, IRC, and UNICEF documents that would be helpful to the search as well. I note that you provided one grant number. The FOIA office will be able to request those documents right away after we settle the rest of your request.

2. Expedited processing

The FOIA office can honor expedited processing, but please be aware there are other expedited requests ahead of yours. We will give priority as we can to your request as we do with the others.

3. Fee Waiver

The processing category for non-profits is All Others. The fees are:

Search - \$31.94 per hour **except** the first two hours are free

Review - No fee

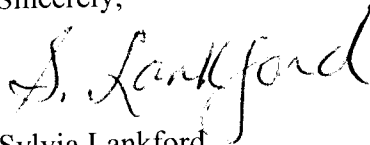
Duplication - 20 cents per page after the first 100 pages

At this time, the FOIA office cannot determine your fee. The FOIA office has no documents. We will send a request for documents to the appropriate office(s). From their initial search, we can determine an estimate of the costs. A fee waiver is not automatic.

After the review of your justification concerning the Helms Amendment and United States abortion policy and the current interest in this subject matter, we will grant a fee waiver.

Please send your response concerning the contract, grant or agreement numbers and the countries involved by **May 23**. Send your written response to our FOIA mailbox at foia@usaid.gov to my attention. We will hold your request until we hear from you.

Sincerely,



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