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VIA FACSIMILE TO 202/619-8365

Ms. Ann Aldrich

LExecutive Secretariat

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Executive Secretariat's Office

451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10139

Washington, D.C. 20410

Re:

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

MNS

Dear Ms. Aldrich:

On September 30, 1996, HUD's Office Of Inspector General, Office of Audit, Information Systems Audit Division, issued a Management Study on Multifamily Information Systems.

On page 3 of this report, under the heading "Purpose," there is the following passage regarding HUD's Multifamily National System (MNS):

"This study began as an effort to review the development of Housing's Multifamily National System (MNS). This system was the Department's latest attempt at consolidating and updating the several systems that are currently in place. However, midway through this review, events occurred which caused us to redirect the scope of our work. The principal one being that the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Multifamily Housing Programs stopped all development for the MNS project and began work on a new system."

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with copies of all documentation regarding this re-direction, including any design parameters or specifications for the new system. Please also be sure to include any e-Mails or other correspondence from the DAS who stopped all work on MNS relating to this change.

Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$50 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees will exceed \$50, please call me so I may have an opportunity to alter the request.

If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 469-3422.

Very truly yours,

ERVIN and ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

David J. Ervin