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VIA FACSIMILE TO 202/619-8365

Ms. Ann Aldrich
Executive 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
Multifamily Physical Inspections

Dear Ms. Aldrich:


In a conference call with various HUD offices on April 25, 1996, HUD announced a new approach to physical inspections. At that time, Bill Hill stated to HUD employees that this change in policy did not come out of housing, "it came from above." Additionally, Bill Hill said that from that point on, only in the most critical circumstances should inspections be conducted under the existing physical inspection contracts. Although HUD's primary method of identifying slum lords or deteriorating projects is through physical inspections, we also understand that the new inspection contracts have not yet started.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with a list of all multifamily physical inspections that were conducted between July 1, 1996 and March 28, 1997.

Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$100 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees will exceed \$100, 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