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Madhattan¹⁵ New York-New York Hotel & Casino¹⁵ Mr. Samuel Santiago Senior Investigator 1147 Northwest 123rd Court Miami, FL 33182

RE: USDA Investigation of December 21, 1998 Complaint Filed by the Performing Animal Welfare Society

Dear Mr. Santiago:

As we discussed, in connection with the above-identified investigation, Feld, Inc. has gathered certain publicly-available information regarding the two former Ringling Bros. employees, Messrs. Glen Ewell and James Stechcon, who made the allegations upon which the Performing Animal Welfare Society relied in bringing the referenced USDA Complaint. We bring this information to your attention so that you may consider whether it is pertinent to your assessment of the reliability of those two former employees' allegations.

Our review of the publicly-available records revealed that Mr. Ewell has been cited for domestic abuse, which is characterized in the public documents as misdemeanor harassment, against his wife Glenda and his son Christopher Ewell. On the December 30, 1998 airing of the "Extra" television program for which Mr. Ewell was interviewed about his allegations, the reporter covering the story stated: "Though Ewell admits to past drug use and an arrest for breaking and entering, he says he's telling the truth here."

Mr. Stechcon has been arrested and charged at various times with domestic violence, assaulting police officers, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of drugs. There appear to be one or more warrants outstanding for Mr. Stechcon's arrest.

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Copies of relevant public records regarding both men are enclosed. We are currently confirming the locations of Gary Boyle and Robert Lyle, as you requested. I will forward that information in the near future. Please let me know if we can be helpful in any other way.

Sincerely,

Julie Alexa Strauss

Enclosures