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Office of the Attorney General - Vermont ATTN: Public Information Officer 109 State Street Montpelier VT 05609-1001

November 1, 2017

This is a follow up to a previous request:

This request was originally submitted via email. It was never acknowledged. Due to issues with the original communication method, we are now directing this request to you.

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information request, copied below, and originally submitted on Feb. 28, 2017. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response, or if further clarification is needed.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On Feb. 28, 2017:

Please forgive my error -- your statute allows 5 business days for response, not 20, as I stated in my original letter.

Sincerely, Brandon Smith On Feb. 28, 2017: To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Vermont public records law (1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320), I hereby request the following records:

Any public documents referencing, regarding, or in concern of the planned sale of WhiteWave Foods Co. to Danone SA. This could include but is not limited to communications from within the AG's office; memos from within the office; reports; findings; or public statements. It necessarily includes any evaluation (or summary of an evaluation) as to whether to open an investigation or intervene in the case. If an investigation or intervention was undertaken by your office, it includes any investigative work or summaries/reports of work, if that investigation has concluded. If any document is deemed to contain a trade secret by either of these businesses, I request that the secret be redacted individually and that the document not be withheld in full.

This requester is a journalist working for a Congressionally-accredited news organization, and documents in response to this request will be made publicly available. As such, I request that all fees be waived. This information is of timely and newsworthy public importance, and as such, I request that this FOIA be assigned to an "expedited" processing track. If an expedited track is not available, I request that it be assigned to a "simple" processing track.

I prefer the request filled electronically, such as by e-mail attachment or web download link, and that any communication to this request be made in direct reply to this one, via the same communication method. Please inquire if you need another method of document transmission.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Brandon Smith Correspondent The Capitol Forum

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