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Caroline Knecht
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Dear Ms. Knecht:

Thank you for your letter of August 23, which replied to my request under the Freedom of Information Act. Your letter said additional time is needed to process my request. Please tell me when I can expect the processing to be completed. I prefer correspondence be sent via e-mail to the address above.

The Salt Lake Tribune is willing to pay an amount less than \$100, however I reinstate my request the fees be waived. To address your concerns as to why a waiver should be applied, I submit:

- a. *The Salt Lake Tribune* is the largest newspaper in Utah and publishes a Website accessible throughout the world.
- b. I am a reporter specializing in public safety working on a project concerning drug use and drug testing in college athletics. The documents I requested will be reported as part of the project.
- c. If the Department of the Army were to supply the documents, it would increase the public's understanding of how it monitors the health and responsibility of athletes at the academy. Given I do not know how such monitoring occurs, it's reasonable to assume most of the public is ignorant of this as well.

d. People concerned about the monitoring of academy athletes could benefit from the release of these documents as could people working in the anti-doping industry.

e. The issue of drugs in sports is a timely topic with much discussion resulting from events such the Tour de France and the Olympics and athletes such as Barry Bonds.

Thank you for your time in this matter. I look forward to a response soon.

Sincerely,

Nate Carlisle

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