APPENDIX D: Sample Letter Sent to National Welfare Organizations

Dear ________________:

I am preparing a paper on zoos and aquariums in America and would appreciate any information you could give me regarding your organization's involvement with these institutions. I am interested in such things as: any official statements of policy your organization has made concerning captive wild animals; a brief description of any on-going inspection programs your organization may conduct of these institutions; minimum standards you might have drawn up for the housing and handling of captive wild animals; your organization's stand for or against zoo related legislation; and copies of your organization's publications dealing with zoos generally or describing conditions in zoos and aquariums that your field representatives have encountered.

I should be happy to pay for any duplicating and mailing costs you might incur in filling this request. While I am eager to have as much information as possible, I realize that you have many pressing concerns, and I shall be grateful for any information at all you can provide on this subject. Please let me know also if you can suggest other people and organizations I might contact in this regard. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

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