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From: **Anne Kent, Executive Director** Phone # **312-747-1388**

RE: Please call me w/ any questions,
thanks.

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October 13, 2007

Memo: To Director A. Kent

From Dr. M Seals

RE: Fax from Raeleann Smith, PETA organization and consequential inspection of UIC Pavilion circus

Inspectors Holcomb and Del Rio also with OM Rosenthal and myself arrived at the UIC Pavilion at 9:00 am on Saturday Oct. 13, 2007 to follow up on informal complaints made by Ms Smith concerning treatment of the elephants at the circus. Inspector Holcomb met with a representative of the circus at the admittance door and was turned away by that representative whose response was "we're not going to let you in". The representative did not offer a reason and we left promptly.

I can only suggest that Ms Smith contact the sponsors of the circus and make her complaints to them and request an inspection by the sponsor's humane treatment compliance office. She might also contact the University of Illinois Veterinary College with her complaints and requests.

Mr. Holcomb informed me later in the morning that Kevin from the UIC Pavilion called and said he could extend a "professional courtesy" to us and allow us in Sunday the 14th of October for inspection. I declined to go on that day as a "professional courtesy" is not an official inspection. Perhaps if Ms Smith will submit her concerns through channels that will allow me to act within the proper veterinary professional authority supported by the City I will be able to gain entry into the circus and perform an unhindered inspection that will adequately address her concerns.

Dr. Michelle E. Seals