Dear Ms. Bartz:

This is a second partial response to your request dated June 21, 2016, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to any and all records including calendars from December 1, 2012-June 21, 2016, pertaining to meetings between any and all Herbalife representatives and the following current and former FTC officials: 1. Edith Ramirez, 2. Maureen Ohlhausen, 3. Terrell McSweeny, 4. Julie Brill, 5. Joshua Wright, 6. Jon Leibowitz, 7. Jessica Rich. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records as of June 21, 2016, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We have located an additional 2,519 pages of responsive records, and we are continuing our search for additional records. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Some pages fall within the exemptions to the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Some responsive records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), because they are exempt from disclosure by another statute. Specifically, Section 21(f) of the FTC Act provides that information obtained by the Commission in a law enforcement investigation, whether through compulsory process, or voluntarily in lieu of such process, is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. 15 U.S.C.§ 57b-2(f), see Kathleen McDermott v. FTC. 1981-1 Trade Cas. (CCH) ¶ 63964 (D.D.C. April 13, 1981).

In addition, some responsive records constitute confidential commercial or financial information, which is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). Moreover, because Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 46(f), prohibits public disclosure of this type of information, it is also exempt under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), which, as noted above, exempts from disclosure any information that is protected from disclosure under another federal statute.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response. If you believe that we should choose to disclose additional materials beyond what the FOIA requires, please
explain why this would be in the public interest. You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold, (202) 326-3355, rgold@fte.gov or from the Office of Government Information Services via email ogis@nara.gov, via fax 202-741-5769, or via mail Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Katie Baker at 202-326-2869.

Sincerely,

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