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Mr. Drew Spalding, Acting General Counsel
Government Printing Office
732 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20401

Dear Mr. Spalding:

It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning. I was very pleased to learn that the FDsys system will include at no charge XML source code of the Official Journals of Government, beginning with the Federal Register and then subsequently other publications including the Code of Federal Regulations. I understand that this is a result of a long-term series of steps carried out during the FDsys planning and deployment process and was pleased to learn of the progress the team has made in carrying out the difficult SGML to XML conversion.

As bulk access to source code of the Official Journals of Government was the purpose of our original September 17, 2008 request and purchase, and since the Government Printing Office is going to be providing that capability, I believe this makes any disputes about the previous subscription moot, and I am thus more than happy to withdraw our request for a refund.

The Government Printing Office should be congratulated on the rapid progress in deploying FDsys, and I look forward to continuing to work with the XML source of the Official Journals and with the FDsys team.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Malamud
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