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### U.S. Law Enforcement Allegedly Neglecting Monkey Cases

Dear E-Friend,

The monkey trade gets uglier by the day. I recently received the following plea from an anonymous inside source whose information is consistent with other complaints IPPL has received:



As an individual with inside knowledge of U.S. Fish and Wildlife/Law Enforcement matters, I've decided to write to IPPL with the hope that you can draw attention to a serious matter. This is the apparent and **total disregard for our laws** when it comes to the import of macaques into the United States from Asia. The FWS is charged with enforcing both domestic and international wildlife laws. Instead they choose to allow multi-national and international giants to operate with impunity. These companies apparently feel that the millions of dollars in imports they handle each year, would justify any penalties and legal fees they might have to absorb.

Corporate giants such as [Company A] and [Company B] are alleged to be deeply involved in the acquisition of primates of highly **suspicious origins**. [Company B] had advertised **primates whose multi generational ancestry was older than the facility in which they were supposedly produced**.

[Company A] has imported primates that are alleged to be of Cambodian origin yet are imported via China with paperwork that is highly questionable and with allegedly **false country of origin information**. Some of the largest breeding centers in China are located suspiciously close to the borders of Vietnam and Cambodia, and many of the primates from some of these centers are believed to be wild-caught and enter the U.S. with false documents.

Other entities such as [Company C] and [Company D] have also offered Cambodian primates imported with highly suspicious documents also alleged to be false. Primates of Vietnamese and Chinese origin imported by **one of the largest importers of primates** in the United States have been found to contain evidence of being wild caught, while the documents purport them to be captive bred.



Please, use the link above right to urge the USFWS to take the plight of Asia's monkeys seriously!

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal, OBE, IPPL Founder

"The numbers of primates alleged to be moving in cross border trade between Vietnam, Cambodia, and China are so great that **it is not likely the primate populations can sustain** such trade levels."

**Action Item:**  
Please send letters to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) requesting a full investigation of the possible direct or indirect importation of monkeys from China, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam into the U.S. on documents falsely claiming that wild-caught animals are captive-born. Ask them to prosecute not only the importers but the researchers who seem to be knowingly purchasing these primates and fueling this illegal trade.  
  
You can e-mail the USFWS directly from this link: <http://www.fws.gov/DUSPIT/contactus.htm>

"Certain documents that were provided to the USFWS appear to show that some of these illegal movements are on going with the **full knowledge of certain major U.S. importers**."



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