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**FW: American Legion Resolution 508**

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Sat, Jan 16, 2010 at 9:09 PM

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Forgot to follow up on this.

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 16, 2010 9:08 PM

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Wed, Jan 20, 2010 at 3:23 PM

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**Norton, Jennifer L.** <jnorton@legion.org>  
To: Joe Meadors <joe@ussliberty.com>

Mon, Jan 25, 2010 at 8:35 AM

Mr. Meadors,

We cannot provide a copy of Res 235 because, technically, it does not exist. And we cannot, as a matter of policy, release names and contact information on Legionnaires.

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