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January 14, 2022

Mr. Daniel Tucker
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of Asset Management
500 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Mr. Tucker,

The National Archives and Records Administration is in receipt of an email from your agency dated January 3, 2022, that documents an allegation of unauthorized disposition of legal documents received by your agency from ICE contractors.

In accordance with 36 C.F. R. 1230.14(a), NARA requests that ICE respond within 30 calendar days to these allegations. If it is determined that an unauthorized disposition of records has occurred, the response should include the following information:

- A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known;
- The office maintaining the records;
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records;
- A statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation; and
- Details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

If it is determined that there has been no unauthorized disposition, please provide us with sufficient documentation to support that finding.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence R. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

cc. Michelle Thomas, Department Records Officer, Department of Homeland Security



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March 18, 2022

Mr. Daniel Tucker
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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of Asset Management
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Washington, DC 20536

Dear Mr. Tucker,

The National Archives and Records Administration received your report in response to our letter dated January 14, 2022, that requested your agency look into allegations of unauthorized disposition of legal documents received by your agency from ICE contractors.

Based on the information you provided, we understand that no original records were destroyed during the scanning project that was undertaken by the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor's Boston Field Office, but instead the original records were routed for placement in the physical A-file.

Accordingly, we consider this allegation to be unfounded. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

cc. Michelle Thomas, Department Records Officer, Department of Homeland Security