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Tommy W. Lee
Department of the Air Force
1800 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1800

Dear Tommy Lee,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Department of the Air Force's report on the loss of mobile data from a government issued iPhone at Royal Air Force Station Lakenheath, United States Air Forces Europe.

According to the report, the individual issued the iPhone deleted the data before the device was backed up to an Apple Business Manager account. We understand that no efforts were made to recover the data as the device copy was the only copy of the data. We further understand that to prevent future loss of records all staff were provided training and procedures were established to back up all government furnished devices to an Apple Business Manager account prior to the phone being wiped.

Based on this information, NARA is satisfied with the actions Air Force has taken and considers this matter closed. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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