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June 5, 2023

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) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records at McDill AFB, Florida. A member of the public has alleged that staff at the McDill Sabal Park Pharmacy destroyed chat and text messages created in the course of business from 1 September 2021 to 19 May 2023.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that the Air Force respond within 30 calendar days to this allegation. 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,

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



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September 13, 2023

John Smith
Office of the Secretary of Defense
OSD Records Administrator
ATTN: Records and Declassification Division
Washington Headquarters Services
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Alexandria, VA 22350-3100

Dear John Smith,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Office of the Secretary of Defense's report regarding the alleged unauthorized disposition of chat and text messages at the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Pharmacy, MacDill AFB, FL.

We understand that the Defense Health Agency (DHA) investigated the matter and concluded that the alleged unauthorized disposition was reported in error. DHA found no evidence that any chat or text messages were created in the context of DoD business during the period of 1 September 2021 to 19 May 2023. DHA also confirmed with the Office of General Counsel and the DHA Health Care Fraud Division that these records were not captured to support an investigation/inquiry or similar actions.

Based on this information, NARA is satisfied with the actions OSD 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