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Tonya Price  
Department of Defense  
Department of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 22350

Dear Tonya Price,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records. A member of the public has alleged that the Department of the Navy, Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG), has destroyed FOIA case processing records of FOIA Appeal DON-NAVY-2018-005727 sought under FOIA Request DON-NAVY-2022-006030.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that the Navy 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](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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