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[REDACTED]
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Information Management Division
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 226

Dear [REDACTED]:

A media report has come to the attention of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) pointing to a potential unauthorized disposition of records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The enclosed news article based on an [interview](#) on a [podcast](#) alleges that the FBI improperly destroyed files maintained on its servers that pertain to certain high-profile cases.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that the FBI 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 sufficient information to support that finding. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact the Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program by email at UnauthorizedDisposition@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

WILLIAM FISCHER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government (Acting)

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