



NATIONAL ARCHIVES *and* RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
8601 ADELPHI ROAD COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001
www.archives.gov

Sent Via Email. No Hard Copy to Follow.

November 14, 2019

Ms. Luz Ortiz
OSD Records Administrator
Department of Defense
Office of the Secretary of Defense
4800 Mark Center Drive , Suite 02F09-02
Alexandria, VA 22350-3100

Dear Ms. Ortiz:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received your letter of an unauthorized disposition at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). According to the information that has been provided, the missing records, which are covered by NARA schedule authority, NCI-330-81-1, file number 703-04, item 5, document specific approvals and denials of requests relating to DOD's cooperation with the production of television, theatrical, and motion picture films by civilian producers.

OSD's search efforts have resulted in the recovery of a few boxes of records along with documentation of a possible donation and transfer of records to Georgetown University's Booth Family Center. OSD's records recovery plan is still ongoing as the office will coordinate additional searches for any remaining lost records and determine which records, if any, are in the custody of Georgetown University.

Please note, that per 36 CFR 1230.14, agencies must report these incidents promptly to NARA and we request that OSD investigate this matter further in order to provide additional details in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16. NARA requests a response within 30 days, including details about the cause(s) of the records loss; a status update on OSD's ongoing recovery efforts; and a statement of the safeguards that have been or will be implemented to prevent future unauthorized disposals of such records. OSD should also provide any evidence relating to the discovery of the existence of any of the records at Georgetown University. Per 36 CFR 1226.26, agencies may only donate temporary Federal records with NARA's written approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov or by phone at (301) 837-1539.

Sincerely,

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

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



Office of the Chief
Records Officer for the
U.S. Government

Sent Via Email. No Hard Copy to Follow.

September 23, 2022

Luz D. Ortiz
Department of Defense
Office of the Secretary of Defense
4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 02F09-02
Alexandria, VA 22350-3100
luz.d.ortiz.civ@mail.mil

Dear Luz Ortiz,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received the Department of Defense's response regarding NARA's request for further information pertaining to an allegation of an unauthorized disposition of request approvals and denials pertaining to the production of television, theatrical, and motion picture films by civilian producers and companies that were transferred to the custody of Georgetown University's Booth Family Center.

OSD's coordinated search efforts with the university has resulted in the recovery of OSD's request records and knowledge of the possibility that similar or duplicative records may also exist with other military departments and branches that are not under OSD's oversight. The agency is currently coordinating with NARA on the transfer and accessioning of OSD's records to NARA.

Based on the information that you provided, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14 have been met. NARA is satisfied with the OSD's efforts to recover the records and considers this matter resolved. If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

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