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Mr. Thomas Jenkins
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records at the Department of the Defense (DoD). A member of the public has alleged that DoD's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has destroyed Master Case Files and Hotline Completion Reports relating to fraud, waste, and abuse complaints; and whistleblower reprisal investigations, involving senior DoD officials.

NARA requests that the DoD OIG investigate this matter to determine if the records were destroyed in accordance with the appropriate records disposition schedules. Please note that per 36 CFR 1230.14, if records have been destroyed without NARA's proper authorization, the agency must report these incidents promptly to NARA.

If DOD OIG determines that an unauthorized disposition occurred in this case, NARA requests that you provide NARA with a response within 30 days in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16. Your report should include a description of the records; the records schedule disposition citation that covers the files; details regarding the records destruction incident and recovery efforts; and a statement of the safeguards that have been or will be implemented to prevent future unauthorized disposals of such records. If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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