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January 4, 2023

Mary Beth Roberts
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Dear Mary Beth Roberts,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received an allegation of unauthorized disposition of records belonging to the TeMoak Nation. The allegation indicated that certain individuals removed “TeMoak federal records, documents and financial records off of TeMoak trust land.”

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) investigate this allegation and provide a report within 30 calendar days. The report must include details of the circumstances surrounding the removal of the records in question; a complete description of the records, including any associated NARA approved records schedule(s); any actions taken to recover the records, and a statement describing what safeguards will be established to prevent future unauthorized disposition of federal records. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

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April 30, 2024

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Dear Mary Beth Roberts,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration's (BTFA) report in response to the allegation of unauthorized disposition of "Te-Moak federal records."

NARA acknowledges that after a thorough investigation and interviews with relevant Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) staff, BTFA concludes the documents described in this allegation, contrary to the alleged claim, belong to the Te-Moak Tribe and are neither federal records, nor ever in federal custody. These documents were stored at the Te-Moak Administrative Building on Te-Moak Trust land in the Te-Moak Trust Colony.

Based on the information provided, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met. NARA considers this allegation unfounded and this matter is now closed. I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at Laurence.Brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
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