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Patricia Capers
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Washington, DC, 20318-0001

Dear Patricia Capers,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received United States Special Operations Command's (USSOCOM) response on a potential alienation of Personal Identifiable Information (PII) and biometric identifiers from a military device called a Secure Electronic Enrollment Kit (SEEK II). The SEEK II contained the names, nationalities, photographs, fingerprints, and iris scans of 2,632 people and was sold on eBay to The Chaos Computer Club (CCC), Europe's largest association of hackers. The purchaser of the device reported the device and its contents to the Department of Defense (DoD).

NARA acknowledges the efforts made through USSOCOM's practices to properly document the timeline of the device and the records. The device that housed these records was processed through proper equipment channels for turn-in and requested device destruction. All equipment transfers were properly hand-receipted and included instructions to destroy the equipment and not reissue or reutilize the equipment due to the nature of the assets.

Based on the information provided, USSOCOM has satisfied all reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a), and NARA considers this unauthorized disposition allegation resolved. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov

Sincerely,

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

cc: Catherine Zakary, SES, Joint Staff Department of Management (JS DOM), Joint Chiefs of Staff