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February 27, 2023

Laura Besong
Agency Records Officer
Department of Justice
Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20530

Dear Laura Besong,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become aware of an unauthorized disposition of a box of records in transit between the Riverside Federal Records Center and your agency's office in Tucson, AZ via UPS.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14, please provide us with a report within 30 calendar days that includes the following information:

- A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known;
- The office maintaining the 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.

We understand that this loss has already been reported to UPS who has completed an investigation and deemed this box lost.

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,

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

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
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cc: Jeanette Plante, Department of Justice, Department Records Officer,
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April 4, 2023

Laura Besong
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Dear Laura Besong,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received the report from the Executive Office for the U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) in response to our letter dated February 27, 2023, in which we requested that EOUSA provide NARA with a report regarding a box of records that went missing via transit between Riverside Federal Records Center and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) office in Tucson, AZ.

According to the EOUSA report, the USAO initiated the permanent withdrawal of Case #2013R20340, *U.S. v. Jon Frederick Ewens* (April 18, 2013 - April 12, 2019). These records were permanently withdrawn to update an erroneous disposition authority (records were initially scheduled under disposition authority N1-118-10-7-3 and needed to be rescheduled under N1-118-10-7-B1) and also for review by an attorney. We understand that this loss has already been reported to UPS who has completed an investigation and deemed this box lost. EOUSA estimates that 50 percent of the lost files can be reconstructed.

In order to mitigate future incidents, EOUSA will continue to transition to electronic recordkeeping, and in the interim, will continue to work with UPS to see if the box can be recovered.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If the missing box is located, please notify NARA so we can update our records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

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
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