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Tommy W. Lee
Department of the Air Force
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Washington, DC 20330-1800

Dear Tommy Lee,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Department of the Air Force's report on the accidental loss of approximately 10,000 records that were stored on an official network drive at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

According to the report, the exact circumstances of how the records were lost are unknown. We understand that efforts were made to recover the records but were hampered due to the elapse of a 30-day recovery window for restoring shared drives. We further understand that to prevent future accidental loss of records staff reviewed existing standard operating procedures and training for handling records stored on shared drives.

Based on this information, NARA is satisfied with the actions Air Force has taken and considers this matter closed. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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