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Tommy W. Lee  
Department of the Air Force  
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Dear Tommy Lee,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Department of the Air Force's report on the loss of 6 boxes of source records relating to Aircrew/Mission Flight Data Extracts at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

According to the report, the exact circumstances on how the records were lost are unknown. However, it is believed that the records were shredded due to an administrative error. We understand that efforts were made to recover the records, but were unsuccessful due to the age of the records. We further understand that to prevent future loss of records staff will receive training on the proper procedures for staging, tracking, and shipping records.

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](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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