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Patricia A. Capers  
Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Joint Staff, DOM, IMD  
Pentagon, RM 2D943  
Washington, DC 20318-0400

Dear Patricia Capers,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Joint Staff's (JS) report on the accidental loss of 12 gigabytes of records of the office of the Program Executive Office Rotary Wing, Special Operations Forces Acquisition Technology and Logistics (SOF AT&L-RW).

According to the report, the office shared drive was unintentionally deleted, erasing all folder contents. We understand that efforts were made to recover the records but were unsuccessful due to a 30-day backup limit. We further understand that to prevent future loss of records all office drives were migrated to a new storage system with 12-month data recovery and auditing capability. In addition, all storage team members were briefed on maintaining these safeguards.

Based on this information, NARA is satisfied with the actions JS 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