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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 28, 2017
From: Richard Noble, ACRA
To: File
Subj.: Closure of Colorado School of Mines unauthorized disposition case

This memo closes the unauthorized disposition case involving alleged alienation of records of the Department of Energy (DOE) and predecessor agencies to the Arthur Lakes Library of the Colorado School of Mines (CSM).

This allegation was received in December 2009 and assigned to NARA staff member Mark Ferguson for review and resolution. During the next several years, Mr. Ferguson contacted the Arthur Lakes Library numerous times and made a number of visits there to identify alienated Federal records in its holdings.

In 2016, Mr. Ferguson recommended that, although some of the alienated records have permanent value, all of the alienated records should remain at Arthur Lakes Library at CSM. Mr. Ferguson's reasons were that the Library has held the records for many years, the volume of permanent records is small, a significant portion of the permanent records are covered by NARA's existing holdings, and the Library is well-established research institution whose subject focus is consistent with that of the alienated records. Based on this recommendation, NARA decided that the records should remain at the CSM and that DOE should schedule them as temporary and donate them to the CSM.

ACRA appraiser Steven Rhodes worked with DOE to schedule the alienated records, and on February 27, 2017, NARA approved schedule DAA-0434-2016-0009 designating the records as temporary for donation to the CSM. By letter of May 24, 2017, the DOE Records Officer requested NARA's permission to donate these records to CSM. In his letter of June 19, 2017, Laurence Brewer (AC) responded by approving this donation.

With the donation approved, this alienated records case is now closed.

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