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Mr. Thomas Jenkins
Records Officer
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Office of Inspector General
4800 Mark Center Drive
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

We have learned from a recent news article of a possible unauthorized destruction of records of the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD IG). The news article (enclosed) is titled "Former Pentagon IG Official Probed for Destroying Documents" and appeared in the June 3rd issue of Government Executive. According to the article, a current and a former DoD IG official are the subjects of a court investigation of alleged destruction of records relating to the DoD IG's investigation of the whistleblower case of former National Security Agency employee Thomas Drake.

In accordance with NARA's responsibilities under 44 U.S.C. 2905, we request that you look into this possible unauthorized destruction of records. After your review, please provide us with the report required under 36 CFR 1230.14 and 1230.16 within 30 days of the date of this letter. The report should include:

- (1) A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known;
- (2) The office maintaining the records;
- (3) A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records;
- (4) A statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation;
and
- (5) When appropriate, details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

If you are unable to provide the report within the 30-day time period, please provide us with an interim report indicating what actions you have taken and when you plan to submit the final report.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Williams of my staff at 301-837-3143 or tony.williams@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

PAUL M. WESTER, JR.
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

Enclosure

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**File 1301-1b Alleged Unauthorized Disposal, DoD Office of
Inspector General**

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October 5, 2018

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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

In a letter to the President dated September 10, 2018, the Office of Special Counsel made a determination that the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General report *A Review of Allegations that Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DOD IG) Personnel Destroyed Audit Documents in Violation of DOD IG Policy* submitted on April 18, 2018, “meets all statutory requirements and the findings appear reasonable.” The report found that “all records supporting the audit were preserved” and that the destruction of “hard copy documents that were unrelated to the audit or were duplicates of other documents was done consistent with law, regulation, and policy.”

This report is in agreement with the information you provided directly to the the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on August 6, 2015, describing the records and the circumstance related to the incident and concluding that records were not unlawfully destroyed.

NARA considers this matter closed. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Jobson, Senior Records Analyst, at (301) 837-2977 or by email at scott.jobson@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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for the U.S. Government