

OCT 29 2014

Mr. Joel Westphal  
Department of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington DC 22350

Dear Mr. Westphal,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received information regarding the unauthorized destruction of U.S. Navy records. According to an article in the October 12 issue of *The Washington Post*, two Navy security officers destroyed records of the Navy Directorate for Plans, Policy, Oversight and Integration. These records potentially related to the purchase of automatic-rifle silencers which, at the time, was the subject of an ongoing Federal investigation.

Pursuant to NARA's responsibilities under 44 U.S.C. 2905 to investigate allegations related to the unauthorized disposal on alienation of records, we request that you look into this matter. After your review, please provide us with a report as required by 36 CFR 1230.14 within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you are unable to provide your report within this time, please provide us with an interim report indicating what actions you have taken and when you expect to submit a final report.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Steven B. Rhodes at 301-837-3055 or [steven.rhodes@nara.gov](mailto:steven.rhodes@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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September 5, 2018

Ms. Helena Gilbert  
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Department of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington DC 22350

Dear Ms. Gilbert:

The National Archives and Records Administration has received your report dated July 20, 2018 regarding the alleged unauthorized destruction of Directorate for Plans, Policy, Oversight and Integration records in November 2013 that potentially related to the purchase of automatic-rifle silencers, which at the time, was the subject of an ongoing Federal investigation.

Since the report concludes that there is no evidence that any materials destroyed in November 2013 constituted Federal records, 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](mailto:scott.jobson@nara.gov).

Sincerely

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