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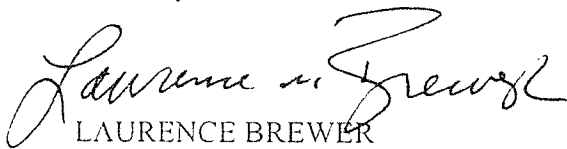
Dear Ms. Enright-Lamere:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received information regarding a potential case of alienation of Federal records. According to an article in the January 27, 2016 online edition of *The State*, the Marine Corps donated 16,000 reels of 16mm and 35mm films to the University of South Carolina.

NARA commends the Marine Corps and the University of South Carolina for committing to the restoration of these films and for providing appropriate storage and public access. However, it is important to note, that the Marine Corps should have received NARA approval prior to transferring these films to the University of South Carolina. In accordance with 36 CFR 1226.26(a), we therefore ask that you send a letter to my attention containing the relevant information required and to request NARA's approval to donate the films to the University. For your convenience, please find enclosed a sample letter.

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.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

Sample Letter Requesting Permission to Donate Temporary Records

Mr. Laurence Brewer
Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government
Room 2100
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

Dear Mr. Brewer:

This is to request permission to donate certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) records from the NARA-Rocky Mountain Region records in Denver to Columbia University, New York.

In accordance with 44 U.S.C, Chapter 33, and 36 CFR 1228 .60 we are providing you with the following information on the records that we wish to be donated:

- a. **Agency office with custody of the records:** NOAA, National Environmental Satellite Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Geophysical Data Center, E/GC4, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303: Point of contact - Ms. Mai Edwards, (303) 497-6958.
- b. **Proposed Recipient:** Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, P.O. Box 1000, 61, Route 9W, Palisades, NY 10964: Point of contact, Mr. Arthur Lerner-Lam.
- c. **List of records:** (See attached 01 Reports from NARA -Rocky Mountain Region, and NARA - Washington National Records Center. Date spans, volumes, disposal authorities, and series descriptions are included in this report.)
- d. **Transfer Statement:** NOAA proposes to donate all seismogram records under RG 370, currently being stored in the NARA -Rocky Mountain Region records center, and in the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, MD, under RG 023 (Coast and Geodetic Survey). NOAA believes that, while the records in question possess continuing scientific value, it is in the best interests of the government to donate them to the Lamont-Doherty observatory where they will be more accessible to the scientific community. Lamont-Doherty has expressed a desire to store the original seismograms and image them for scientific and research uses. Attached please find letters from NOAA, the USGS National Earthquake Information Center, and the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory supporting this donation request.
- e. **Certification:** NOAA hereby certifies that these records contain no information the disclosure of which is prohibited by law or contrary to the public interest, and the records are directly pertinent to earth science studies conducted by the recipient. The attached letter from the Lamont -Doherty Earth observatory contains their certification that they will not sell originals of the records.

Please contact me at (301) 713-3540, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anne Baker
Records Officer
DoC/NOAA