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July 10, 2018

Mr. Raymond Marbury
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Department of Homeland Security
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Room 3.2C
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Mr. Marbury:

I am contacting you about an alleged unauthorized disposition of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) records based on a news article published in *The New York Times*, "Trump Administration in Chaotic Scramble to Reunify Migrant Families" dated July 5, 2018 (see attached). The article alleges that according to two unnamed officials at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs agents deleted the initial records in which parents and children were listed together as a family with a "family identification number." This allegation has also been detailed in a letter that the Archivist of the United States, David Ferriero, (see attached) received on July 6, 2018, from the Citizens for the Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW). This letter was also copied and sent to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at DHS and the OIG at the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS).

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that CBP provide us with a response within 30 calendar days indicating the specific actions CBP will take to address these allegations. If CBP determines that an unauthorized disposition has occurred, then CBP must submit a report to NARA as described in 36 CFR 1230.14, which must include whether specific records outlined in the allegation can be recovered, recreated, or duplicated from other sources and the steps CBP will take in order to mitigate future unauthorized alterations or deletions of CBP records.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Skevakis, Senior Records Analyst, at 301-837-3069 or by email at karyn.skevakis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

1. NYT Article 7-6-2018 Trump Administration in Chaotic Scramble to Reunify Migrant Families
2. 2018-7-6-NARA-DHS-HHS-records-destruction.pdf

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