



July 18, 2016

Mr. William P. Fischer  
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United States Department of State  
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Dear Mr. Fischer,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is aware of recent news reports related to the email of former State Department employee Mr. Bryan Pagliano. Specifically, these reports quote State Department spokesman Elizabeth Trudeau, "The Department has searched for Mr. Pagliano's email pst file and has not located one that covers the time period of Secretary Clinton's tenure." The Department later amended its previous statement to say that despite the absence of his original pst file, some small amount of Pagliano's email has been recovered, suggesting they were gleaned from other email accounts.

Pursuant to the Department of State's responsibilities in 44 U.S.C. 3106 and NARA's authorities in 44 U.S.C. 2905 regarding unauthorized disposition of Federal records, we request that the Department look into this matter. After your review, the Department should provide us with the report required under 36 CFR 1230.14 within 30 days of the date of this letter. If the report cannot be provided within this time, the Department should provide us with an interim report and indicate when the final report will be submitted.

If it is determined Federal records have been alienated or destroyed, please describe all measures your agency has taken, or expects to take, to retrieve the alienated records or recreate them, to the extent necessary and appropriate. Please also include a description of the safeguards established to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.

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We appreciate your response on this matter. If you have any questions, please free to contact Lisa Clavelli of my staff at (301) 837-0759 or [lisa.clavelli@nara.gov](mailto:lisa.clavelli@nara.gov).

Sincerely,



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December 15, 2017

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Dear Mr. Fischer,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received your letter dated May 12, 2017, in response to an allegation of unauthorized disposition of emails of former State Department employee Mr. Bryan Pagliano.

The May 12, 2017 letter describes the events and corrective actions, which effectively satisfy all the requirements listed in 36 CFR 1230.14 on reporting to NARA any unlawful or accidental destruction of Federal records. NARA accepts your description of the events and the corrective actions taken to address the loss of records in this matter.

NARA considers this case closed. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Clavelli of my staff at (301) 837-0759 or [lisa.clavelli@nara.gov](mailto:lisa.clavelli@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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