



August 9, 2016

Mr. Carl Stowe
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111 S. George Mason Dr.
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Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Mr. Stowe:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the enclosed email of June 24, 2016, from Mr. E. J. Hartlage alleging the unauthorized destruction of Kentucky Air National Guard records. We are writing to you because we understand that the National Guard Bureau has records management responsibility for Air National Guard records.

According to 36 CFR 1230.10, "The heads of Federal agencies must: (a) Prevent the unlawful or accidental removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records . . . Records must not be destroyed except under the provisions of NARA-approved agency records schedules or the General Records Schedules issued by NARA."

We request that you look into this matter regarding the possible premature destruction of the Air National Guard records. After your review, please provide us with the report required under 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 plan to submit the final report.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Enclosure



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January 16, 2018

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Dear Mr. Wong:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has reviewed the documentation you submitted on January 3, 2018, regarding the allegation of an unauthorized destruction of Kentucky Air National Guard (KYANG) records by Technical Staff Sergeant (Retired) Earl Hartlage related to his Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Since the information in question pertains to a former National Guard member while not in federal service, they are not federal records and do not fall under NARA's purview.

Accordingly, 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,

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

cc:
Mr. Earl J. Hartlage