



August 9, 2016

Mr. Carl Stowe  
Records Officer  
National Guard Bureau  
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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](mailto: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