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

Dear Mr. Marbury:

We have received a report from the Office of Field Operations pertaining to the destruction of records at the Port Arthur Texas, Port of Entry due to Hurricane Harvey. It was indicated in the report that attempts were made to review and discern the nature of the records, but that the records were too damaged to allow for any salvage and therefore the records underwent a commercial destruction process to ensure appropriate destruction, as some of them could have contained confidential information.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 1230.14, NARA is requesting a response within 30 calendar days that includes more information about these records, specifically documentation that all of the records in these boxes were past their retention period. Please include in your response any available information that describes the records, including but not limited to the specific file names and descriptions, types of media affected (i.e., paper, photographic, drawings, video, audio, electronic, etc.), approximate volume for each record series, and the disposition authority number for each record series.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Skevakis at 301-837-3069 or [karyn.skevakis@nara.gov](mailto:karyn.skevakis@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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

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