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Ms. Dawn Watts
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Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Ms. Watts:

Thank you for your October 4, 2018 correspondence notifying the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) of an unauthorized disposition of Border Surveillance Systems (BSS) records. You indicate that surveillance records have been destroyed according to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Privacy Impact Assessment 22 entitled Border Surveillance Systems, rather than a records retention schedule authorized by NARA.

In response to this unauthorized disposition of federal records, CBP drafted and proposed to NARA a records schedule to provide an authorized disposition authority for these records. Records Schedule DAA-0568-2018-0002, Border Surveillance Systems (BSS) Records, is currently registered with NARA and under review.

This case will remain open until the records schedule is signed by the Archivist of the United States. In addition, within 30 days of receiving this letter, please provide a detailed plan outlining how CBP will train staff on applying NARA-approved disposition authorities.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Sherman-Fells, Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program, at 301-837-2083 or by email at dawn.sherman@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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