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October 3, 2019

Jeanette Plante Department of Justice 2 Constitution Square 145 N Street, NE Washington DC 20530

Dear Ms. Plante,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been made aware of an allegation of unauthorized disposition by a member of the public regarding email that was sent by this individual to the Department of Justice (Justice). The allegation is that Justice is deleting emails sent by this member of the public without reading them and with no response. The member of the public included screenshots of the read receipt from the email system that showed his email was deleted without being read (see attached).

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that Justice provide us with a report within 30 calendar days that is responsive to these allegations. If Justice determines that an unauthorized disposition has occurred, then Justice must submit a report to NARA, as required by 36 CFR 1230.14, that addresses whether specific records can be recovered, recreated, or duplicated from other sources and the steps Justice will take to ensure that all email records are labeled appropriately and captured by Justice.

If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lauruce N. Brewer

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

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January 14, 2020

Ms. Michelle Thomas Agency Records Officer Executive Office for United States Attorneys 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Thomas:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received your letter in response to our letter dated October 3, 2019, that documented an allegation of unauthorized disposition by a member of the public regarding email that was being deleted without being read by the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA).

Based on the information in your letter, NARA understands that EOUSA is in possession of the email referred to in the allegation. We therefore consider this allegation to be unfounded.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

Lauruce N. Brewer

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

cc. Jeanette Plante, Department of Justice, Agency Records Officer