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Ms. Tiffany Branch
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Dear Ms. Branch,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) was made aware of an allegation of unauthorized disposition of records from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It was recently brought to our attention that former FDA Commissioner Scott Gotlieb's twitter account was deleted. This allegation was first reported on December 26, 2019, in a CNBC article.

The article stated that, "The Food and Drug Administration has deleted the tweets by former Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, an unusual move that quickly sparked criticism that the agency may have broken federal record-keeping policy by not preserving social media accounts used by federal officials."

NARA requests that you investigate this allegation of unauthorized disposition of agency records and submit a report to NARA within 30 calendar days. Please ensure your report is compliant with 36 CFR 1230.14.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

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