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Mr. Daniel Tucker
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of Asset Management
500 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Mr. Tucker:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become aware of a complaint filed against an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Irwin County Detention Center regarding medical procedures carried out on detained immigrants from a BBC article entitled, "ICE whistleblower: Nurse alleges 'hysterectomies on immigrant women in US'" dated, September 15, 2020. This article states that it was "common practice for the sick call nurse to shred medical request forms from detained immigrants" and the article goes on to say that medical records have been fabricated.

At this time NARA is requesting that ICE conduct a review of the management of the records at the Irwin County Detention Center. In accordance with NARA regulations at 36 CFR 1230.14, we request that ICE provide a report of its investigation into this allegation to determine whether medical records were improperly destroyed or altered. In addition, we are requesting documentation of ICE procedures for the processing and maintenance of the information within the medical forms in question, and the NARA-approved disposition authority for these forms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please send information regarding this unauthorized disposition case to Karyn Skevakis, Senior Records Analyst, via email at karyn.skevakis@nara.gov. If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov or by phone at (301) 837-1539.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure: BBC Article, "ICE whistleblower: Nurse alleges 'hysterectomies on immigrant women in US'" dated, September 15, 2020