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Mr Maurice King  
Department of the Defense  
Department of the Navy  
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Dear Mr. King:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records at the Department of the Navy. A member of the public has alleged that the Navy's Bureau of Medicine (BUMED) has destroyed records relating to an April 1, 2014 FOIA request of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's (WRNMMC) FY 2013 Annual FOIA report submission to Navy BUMED as it was received in BUMED's office from WRNMMC with all enclosures, any raw data, and any communication accompanying the FY 2013 FOIA Report.

NARA requests that the Navy investigate this matter to determine if all applicable FOIA records were provided at the time of the request and whether responsive records were/or will be destroyed in accordance with the appropriate records disposition schedules. Please note that per 36 CFR 1230.14, if records have been destroyed without NARA's proper authorization, the agency must report these incidents promptly to NARA.

NARA requests that you provide NARA with a response within 30 days in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16. Your report should include a description of the records; the records schedule disposition citation that covers the files; details regarding the records destruction incident and recovery efforts; and a statement of the safeguards that have been or will be implemented to prevent future unauthorized disposals of such records. If you have any questions, please contact me at [laurence.brewer@nara.gov](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence V. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'V'.

LAURENCE BREWER  
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for the U.S. Government