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Ms. Andrea R. Jenkins
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Dear Ms. Jenkins,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) was made aware of an allegation of unauthorized disposition of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) records. The allegation stated that on January 19 and 20, 2021, USDA Acting State Director, Luis Boria, unlawfully destroyed Federal Government records in the form of tweets from the Rural Development Puerto Rico Twitter account, https://www.twitter.com/RD_PuertoRico.

NARA requests that USDA investigate this matter to determine whether or not tweets from the Rural Development Puerto Rico Twitter account were deleted and provide a report of your findings in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14. In addition to the report, we request copies of any USDA policies, procedures and NARA-approved disposition authorities for USDA social media records.

Please ensure that your report describes the volume and dates of the deleted records, as well as the exact circumstances surrounding the deletion, including the name of the office responsible for maintaining the deleted records. Finally, please include a statement regarding safeguards to prevent further losses, and details of any actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

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

LAURENCE BREWER
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