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July 2, 2021

Teresa S. Fitzgerald  
Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Information Management Division  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 226

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has become aware of a *Washington Post* article that reported that a former FBI analyst "removed and retained" records including materials related to al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and kept them in her home over the course of more than a decade (see attached).

While NARA understands that the article stated that the records/documents were all recovered, in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that the FBI confirm by reporting to NARA within 30 business days that all documentation and records are recovered, including measures put into place to ensure that this will not reoccur.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at [laurence.brewer@nara.gov](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov) or by phone at (301) 974-4582.

Sincerely,

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

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August 4, 2021

Ms. Teresa S. Fitzgerald  
Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Information Management Division  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 226

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received your report in response to my letter of July 2, 2021, requesting that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigate media reports of the unauthorized removal of records. In an article published by the *Washington Post*, it was alleged that a former FBI analyst "removed and retained" records including materials related to al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and kept them in her home over the course of more than a decade.

Your response dated July 30, 2021, states that the FBI has recovered documents from the former FBI analyst that were downloaded from electronic information systems and photocopied from hard copy files. Your report also details the protocols in place including annual mandatory records and information training, insider threat awareness training, awareness campaigns to highlight the protection of information and the identification and reporting of insider threats. This also included ensuring that mishandling or removal of information is subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution.

Based on this information, NARA considers this matter resolved. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at [laurence.brewer@nara.gov](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov) or by phone at (301) 974-4582.

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  
Chief Records Officer  
for the U.S. Government

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