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Ms. Teresa S. Fitzgerald
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Information Management Division
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald,

The National Archives and Records Administration received your email notifying NARA of the *Rolling Stone* article, "He spent 25 years infiltrating Nazis, the Klan, and Biker Gangs," published on January 31, 2022.

In the article, the author stated: "Sitting in the crates he brought home when he retired are the field notes and transcripts of every case he's worked." Additionally, the author states that the subject of the article showed footage that he has in his custody, 'As he talks, he screens footage that he took of those men through a hidden cam on his person. It was wildly risky work, taping terrorists with long guns in woods miles from his support team. It is no less risky to be showing this film and revealing these details for mass consumption.' He also shows the author photographs and images he has saved on his phone during his investigations, 'I ask him how he endured those spectral hours in the company of such fools. Scott stiffens and pulls up pictures on his phone.'"

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA requests that the FBI look into this allegation and respond within 30 calendar days with a report. This report must include a full description of the records that have been removed from federal custody, including any photographs or videos that belong in the legal and physical custody of the federal government, documentation of how the FBI will be recovering these records and returning them to federal custody, and explanations of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of records.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, 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'.

LAURENCE BREWER
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