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Tonya Price Agency Records Officer Department of Defense Department of the Navy 1000 Navy Pentagon Washington, DC 22350

Dear Ms. Price:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received an allegation of unauthorized disposition of records at the Department of the Navy, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Keyport, WA. A former service member has alleged that their performance appraisals created from October 2021 through March 2024 were destroyed by NUWC personnel. According to the member, the records were previously available and viewable through the Navy's Performance Expectations Module (PEM) but the records are now missing.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that the Department of the Navy respond within 30 calendar days to this allegation, with a report containing the following information:

- A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known;
- The office maintaining the records;
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the removal, defacing, alteration, or destruction of records;
- A statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation; and
- Details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

If it is determined that there has been no unauthorized disposition, please provide us with sufficient information to support that finding. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact the Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program by email at UnauthorizedDisposition@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

William Fischer

WILLIAM FISCHER Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government (Acting)