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Dear Mr. Abel:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Cartographic Records Branch recently worked with the National Park Service's (NPS) Natural Resource Stewardship & Science Directorate to facilitate the direct transfer of three pallets of records containing National Park vegetation inventory aerial photography film, scheduled under disposition authority DAL-0079-2012-0001-0002. The records were stored at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) facility in South Dakota and shipment was arranged by NPS through a commercial shipping company. NARA's Cartographic Records team reported that the third pallet listed on the finding aid, containing 29 boxes with 36 aerial canisters, was not delivered to NARA.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that NPS investigate this matter and respond within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter. If it is determined that an unauthorized disposition of records has occurred, the response should include the following information:

- A complete description of the records, and disposition authority number, 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.

However, if there was no unauthorized disposition incident, please provide 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Fischer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "William" and last name "Fischer" clearly legible.

WILLIAM FISCHER
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Enclosure:

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