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July 21, 2025

Stephanie Welch
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Information and Records Protection
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Ms. Welch:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is contacting the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about a potential unauthorized disposition of records. The May 21, 2025 edition of the Bloomberg FOIA Files Newsletter contains reporting on the misdoings of two disgruntled employees of the firm Opexus. These employees allegedly deleted databases from Opexus systems, and IRS was identified as an Opexus customer affected by the FOIAXpress outage and experienced data loss. NARA requests that the IRS determine whether any of its databases were compromised or if any data loss occurred during this incident.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that IRS respond within 30 calendar days to this request. 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.

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,

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 distinguishable.

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

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