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July 21, 2025

Donovan Spradling
Agency Records Officer
Department of Defense
Department of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 22350

Dear Mr. Spradling:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received an allegation of an unauthorized disposition of records at the Department of the Navy, Portsmouth Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia. A Veteran has alleged that records relating to medical treatment they received at the facility in 1976 and 1977 are missing. The Veteran requested the records from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) and received a response stating that the records were charged out in 1981 as part of a Urology study.

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, 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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