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September 16, 2025

Carl Pullian
Agency Records Officer
Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Enterprise Records Service (005R1B)
810 Vermont Ave NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Mr. Pullian:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). A current VA employee has alleged that a page from their Optional Form 178, Certificate of Medical Examination, was willfully destroyed by staff at the Martin Luke, Physician Assistant-Cardiologist (PA-C), Houston, TX.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that the VA respond within 30 calendar days to this allegation. 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 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 documentation to support that finding. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this 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)

Enclosures:

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