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Kim Tart
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave, NW
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Washington, DC 20420

Dear Kim Tart,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) report regarding the loss of 32 boxes of electrocardiogram (EKG) tracing reading tapes at the VA Records Center and Vault (RC&V), Neosho, Missouri.

We understand that the records were disposed of prior to pertinent information being transcribed in the patients' medical records per the schedule. We understand that no efforts could be made to recover the information as the records were the only source of the information. To prevent further loss of records, VA will ensure that all transcriptions are done prior to disposal of the records.

Based on this information, NARA is satisfied with the actions VA has taken and considers this matter closed. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government