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Tommy Lee
Department of Defense
Department of the Air Force
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Dear Mr. Lee:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been notified of a potential unauthorized disposition of records. A member of the public has alleged that Vietnam Era Military Flight Records were destroyed at Travis AFB, CA. According to the allegation, “these flight records would have been the proof needed for veterans who served in Thailand to substantiate that the veterans were on flights that landed at military bases in Saigon, Vietnam, and thereby met the "boots on the ground" test”.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14(a), NARA requests that 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,

William Fischer

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