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Marcus Smallwood
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Office of Administration
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Dear Mr. Smallwood,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received an allegation from the President of the AFGF National Council 222, that 432,000 pages (200 boxes) of permanent and temporary records belonging to HUD's Office of General Council (OGC), Office of Fair Housing (OFH) were improperly disposed of according to a whistleblower's first-hand account (see enclosure).

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that HUD investigate this allegation and provide us with a report within 30 calendar days. The report must include the following information:

- A complete description of the records with volume and dates if known, and any associated NARA approved disposition authority number(s).
- The office maintaining these records.
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the destruction of records.
- Any actions taken to recover or reconstruct the records.
- A statement describing what safeguards will be established to prevent future unauthorized disposition of federal records.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. 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

WILLIAM FISCHER
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Enclosures (1)
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