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January 10, 2023

Cecilia Wiker
Defense Logistics Agency
74 Washington Ave N
Battle Creek, MI, 49037

Dear Cecilia Wiker,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been made aware of a potential alienation of Personal Identifiable Information (PII) and biometric identifiers from a military device called a Secure Electronic Enrollment Kit (SEEK II). The SEEK II contained the names, nationalities, photographs, fingerprints, and iris scans of 2,632 people and was sold on eBay to The Chaos Computer Club (CCC), Europe's largest association of hackers. The purchaser of the device reported the device and its contents to the Department of Defense (DoD). The device was last used in the U.S. Central Command's (USCENTCOM) area of responsibility but required access to U.S. Special Operations Command's (USSOCOM) servers. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) was named in the article as responsible for retiring these types of devices.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA requests that the DLA look into this matter. Please provide a final report within 30 calendar days identifying the responsibility of retiring the device and extracting the data from these devices for proper records management. Also, include the specific actions taken to investigate this allegation and the steps taken to mitigate future risks. If DLA determines that federal records were alienated, the final report must include a complete description of the records affected, a statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the situation, a statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation, and details of all agency actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

If more time is needed to complete your investigation, please submit an interim report describing the plan for review and a timeline to complete this review.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov

Sincerely,

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

cc: Christine Condon, Deputy DoD CIO, Department of Defense



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June 1, 2023

Patricia Capers
Joint Chiefs of Staff
9000 Defense Pentagon,
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Washington, DC, 20318-0001

Dear Patricia Capers,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received United States Special Operations Command's (USSOCOM) response on a potential alienation of Personal Identifiable Information (PII) and biometric identifiers from a military device called a Secure Electronic Enrollment Kit (SEEK II). The SEEK II contained the names, nationalities, photographs, fingerprints, and iris scans of 2,632 people and was sold on eBay to The Chaos Computer Club (CCC), Europe's largest association of hackers. The purchaser of the device reported the device and its contents to the Department of Defense (DoD).

NARA acknowledges the efforts made through USSOCOM's practices to properly document the timeline of the device and the records. The device that housed these records was processed through proper equipment channels for turn-in and requested device destruction. All equipment transfers were properly hand-receipted and included instructions to destroy the equipment and not reissue or reuse the equipment due to the nature of the assets.

Based on the information provided, USSOCOM has satisfied all reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a), and NARA considers this unauthorized disposition allegation resolved. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Office
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cc: Catherine Zakary, SES, Joint Staff Department of Management (JS DOM), Joint Chiefs of Staff