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November 21, 2019

Kelleigh A. Miller
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Dear Ms. Miller:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received a report from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that Official Government Vehicle (OGV) records were potentially destroyed in the Freeport, Bahamas office of the DEA as a result of Hurricane Dorian. In the letter to NARA dated September 27, 2019, the DEA indicated that records pertaining to OGVs “such as vehicle registration, titling, and licensing; accident and incident reports and maintenance and repair receipts were destroyed as a result of the hurricane.”

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.14, NARA requests that you respond to this letter within 30 business days and provide us with the following information for any records that may have been destroyed due to Hurricane Dorian:

- a description of the records, including the dates that the records were created and approximate volume of the missing records;
- a description of the office that created and maintained the records;
- a statement of the safeguards established to prevent further loss of documentation; and
- all details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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



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January 22, 2020

Ms. Kelleigh A. Miller
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Dear Ms. Miller:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received your letter dated January 6, 2020 regarding the status of Official Government Vehicle (OGV) records reported as destroyed in the Freeport, Bahamas office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) following Hurricane Dorian. In the initial letter NARA received dated September 27, 2019, the DEA initially reported that records pertaining to OGVs “such as vehicle registration, titling, and licensing; accident and incident reports and maintenance and repair receipts” were destroyed as a result of the hurricane.

Based on the information in your January 6, 2020 letter, NARA understands that the information in the September 27, 2019 was inaccurate and that the DEA located two cubic feet of OGV files that were heavily damaged due to flooding. The records have been transported to a records recovery contractor in Fort Worth, Texas, and currently await NARA’s decision on their destruction as they can be reconstructed via electronic means. We therefore consider this allegation to be unfounded.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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