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Mr. David Alspach
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Dear Mr. Alspach,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received an allegation of unauthorized disposition of Department of Interior (DOI) records. NARA received a letter (attached) from Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) alleging, in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) case brought by CREW, that Federal records from former Secretary Zinke's government-issued mobile phones had been destroyed or deemed irretrievable.

In accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), NARA is requesting that you provide us with a response within 30 calendar days that includes, as applicable: a complete description of the records affected; a statement of what safeguards have been put into place (or will be put into place) to prevent any future unauthorized disposition of records; exact details of the circumstances surrounding this incident and any actions taken to attempt to retrieve or restore the records.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc: Nikhel Sus. Senior Counsel, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), nsus@citizensforethics.org