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July 26, 2018

Ms. Karen Foster  
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Dear Ms. Foster:

This letter is to notify you that, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 1229.10, the Archivist of the United States has approved the request from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for emergency destruction of 6.6 cubic feet of records as described in the attachment to your letter dated June 7, 2018, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

According to your letter, a mixture of 563.3 cubic feet of record and non-record material were stored in a dilapidated school house building in Scottsdale, Arizona. As a result, 6.6 cubic feet were damaged beyond repair by water, mold, animal droppings, and other pests. Your letter indicated that due to the damage you are unable to identify specific record series for this selection, but your investigation revealed that they are likely related to the following programs:

- Executive Management
- Indian Self Determination
- Facilities Management
- Law Enforcement
- Tribal Government
- Forestry and Fire
- Real Estate Services
- Roads
- Irrigation and Power
- Indian Fiduciary Financial Trust

We understand that this selection of records cannot be salvaged and due to the extent of the damage cannot be reproduced. Because these records are a potential danger to human health and property, they may now be destroyed immediately.

We would like to commend BIA for successfully identifying federal records among the material that could be recovered from the Day School Building and working with a contractor to associate the majority of the records with an approved records schedule resulting in the destruction of temporary records and reproduction of permanent records.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your appraiser, Jessica Blessman, at [jessica.blessman@nara.gov](mailto:jessica.blessman@nara.gov) or 301-837-1676.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence V. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

cc:

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September 17, 2018

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Dear Ms. Foster:

This letter is to notify you that, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 1229.10, the Archivist of the United States has approved the request from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for emergency destruction of 172.8 cubic feet of records as described in the attachment to your letter dated August 23, 2018, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

According to your letter dated June 7, 2018, a mixture of 563.3 cubic feet of record and non-record material were stored in a dilapidated school house building in Scottsdale, Arizona. As a result, records were damaged by water, mold, animal droppings, and other pests. Upon identifying the record and non-record material, temporary records were destroyed in accordance with approved record schedules.

In a letter dated July 26, 2018, NARA authorized destruction of 6.6 cubic feet of records which were damaged beyond repair. The remaining 172.8 cubic feet of records were identified as permanent and scanned to produce a clean copy. Due to the extent of the damage, we understand that you seek authority to destroy the original records, and establish the scanned records as the record keeping copy. Given the records have been scanned and prolonged storage and handling constitutes a hazard to human health and property, they may now be destroyed immediately.

We would like to commend BIA for successfully identifying federal records among the material that could be recovered from the Day School building and working with a contractor to satisfy record keeping requirements. As a result of your efforts to scan permanent records, there was no loss of record content.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your appraiser, Jessica Blessman, at [jessica.blessman@nara.gov](mailto:jessica.blessman@nara.gov) or 301-837-1676.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

For

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

cc:

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