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Dear Lucien Adam,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) acknowledges receipt of the Administrative Office of the United States Court's report regarding an unauthorized disposition of records at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

According to the report, paper records associated with a criminal court case including pleadings, transcripts, in-camera documents, and exhibits were discovered missing while attempting to respond to a copy request. The records were lost in transit between the District Court and the Indiana State Court. NARA understands that efforts were made to recover the records but were unsuccessful. To prevent future loss of records, Court Rule 10 now requires the district court to ensure that the docket is complete and made available electronically to the court of appeals. The electronic format will eliminate the need to transfer paper records between the courts therefore, preventing such losses.

Based on this information, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met and NARA considers this matter closed. I appreciate your attention to this matter. 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

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