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Agency Records Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington.D.C.20505

Dear Agency Records Officer,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has received your report documenting the accidental destruction of 100 megabytes of temporary system access and event logs and records related to information technology IT maintenance for two agency systems.

NARA acknowledges the actions taken to recover the event logs that were not backed up during an infrastructure update. Also, additional logs and IT maintenance records were not preserved for a second system; and the logs created from 2017 to early 2023 are not available. NARA recognizes the team's efforts and success in recovering most of the older IT maintenance records; however, the records covering early 2023 are not available.

System owners were briefed regarding the procedures the CIA must follow when upgrading infrastructure and decommissioning or evaluating systems containing records not yet subject to disposition. A process has been established for backing up the logs prior to future upgrades. The system teams were also briefed on the retention and preservation for their IT maintenance records.

Based on the information provided in your report, NARA considers this matter resolved. If you have any questions, please contact me at [laurence.brewer@nara.gov](mailto:laurence.brewer@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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