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Ms Jeanette Plante  
Department of Justice  
Office of Records Management Policy  
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Dear Ms Plante

We have reviewed the letter from your office concerning the allegation of unauthorized destruction of the Office of Legal Counsel e-mail of John Yoo and Patrick Philbin. The letter, received February 4, 2011, describes the events and your corrective actions, which comply with the five points listed in 36 CFR 1230.14 on reporting any unlawful or accidental destruction of Federal records to National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

NARA accepts your description of the event and the corrective actions you have undertaken and will close out our examination of this matter. We appreciate the open communication between NARA and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to ensure the adequate and proper documentation of DOJ activities. Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions, please contact Stephen Cooper of the Life Cycle Management Division on (301) 837-1615, or by e-mail at [Stephen.cooper@nara.gov](mailto:Stephen.cooper@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

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