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Dear Mr Corsi:

Per your request, I am writing to you regarding National Archives' Accessioned Microfilm series identified as A3573, Passenger and Crew Manifests of Airplanes Arriving at Honolulu, Hawaii, December 1957-September 1969. Specifically, this letter concerns Rolls 184 and 185 of that accessioned microfilm series; these rolls cover the period July 28 through August 12, 1961.

These microfilmed records were accessioned by the National Archives and Records Administration in September 1996 directly from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Martinsburg, WVA Verification Center. Passenger arrival records for the above dates were filmed by the INS in August 1961; the original paper records were not retained. These records exist only on microfilm. The accessioned microfilm reels now in the custody of the National Archives are the record copies of the original paper records which no longer exist.

Our staff has examined both the original camera negative and positive copies of rolls 184 and 185 of A3573. The images of the arrival cards at the end of Roll 184 are obscured. The last date that is readable is August 1, 1961.

Looking at both the camera negative and positive copies of these rolls, it is apparent that at the time of the filming, multiple cards were fed through a document feeder, became bunched together, and subsequently were shot on top of each other, thus obscuring the images underneath. Apparently, no quality control was done at the time of filming to check for these errors. Consequently, it is difficult to determine whether or not images of cards for the period August 2 through August 7 exist on Roll 184. If they do, they are unreadable.

The positive microfilm copies of Rolls 184 and 185 examined by you are true and complete copies of the camera negative film accessioned by the National Archives in 1996 identified as