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Honorable Myron D. Jackson
Chair
Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation
31st Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capitol Building-Old Barracks Yard
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Senator Jackson:

In response to your request to testify before your committee on March 8th regarding proposed legislation for Government House archival collection management, I will be unable to attend due to a previously scheduled appointment. However, please note that we currently have individuals in place who, by statute, are the official custodians of all of the archives of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Under Title 3, Section 28 of the Virgin Islands Code, the establishment of regulations and procedures for the acceptance and preservation of any items that have sufficient historical or other value to warrant their continued preservation falls under the purview of the Territorial Archivist in coordination with the Office of State Historic Preservation. By law, any item located in a government entity, for reasons of security or the public interest, may be at any time surveyed or inspected. Pursuant to Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act, the Archivist falls under the general supervision and control of the Governor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Webster".

Lisa Webster
Chief of Protocol
Office of the Governor