

**VIA EMAIL** (LM 2019-105)

June 24, 2019

The Honorable Pat A. Cipollone Counsel to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Cipollone:

In accordance with the requirements of the Presidential Records Act (PRA), as amended, 44 U.S.C. §§2201-2209, this letter constitutes a formal notice from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to the incumbent President of our intent to open George W. Bush Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 1,042 assets, has been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and material related to appointments to federal office (P2), as they were eased by President George W. Bush on November 15, 2010. These records were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 880 assets in whole and 6 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 156 assets in whole and 6 assets in part that do not require closure under 44 U.S.C. § 2204. A copy of any records proposed for release under this notice will be provided to you upon your request.

We are also concurrently informing former President George W. Bush's representative, Freddy Ford, of our intent to release these records. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a), NARA will release the records 60 working days from the date of this letter, which is September 18, 2019, unless the former or incumbent President requests a one-time extension of an additional 30 working days or asserts a constitutionally based privilege, in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2208(b)-(d). Please let us know if you are able to complete your review before the expiration of the 60 working day period. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a)(1)(B), we will make this notice available to the public on the NARA website.

If you have any questions relating to this notification, please contact me at (202) 357-5144 or NARA General Counsel Gary M. Stern at (301) 837-3026.

Sincerely,

B. JOHN LASTER

DIRECTOR

Presidential Materials Division

Enclosure

## **ATTACHMENT A**

Case Number	<u>Topic</u>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Material Proposed</b>
		<b>Processed</b>	Restricted	for Opening
2018-0258-F[5]	Emails to or from Brett Kavanaugh	1,042 assets	880 assets in	156 assets in whole; 6
	containing the keyword "surveillance"		whole; 6	assets in part
			assets in part	

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent and received by Brett Kavanaugh during specific time periods and regarding specific people or keywords. For this segment of the FOIA request, records include correspondence to or from Brett Kavanaugh that contains the term "surveillance" (dated January 20, 2001 to January 20, 2009). The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are emails containing factual hurricane status reports, news articles, the final copy of NSPD 41/HSPD 13, emails regarding invitations to attend the 2005 State of the Union, press releases, draft and final fact sheets, final and near-final drafts of speeches, and factual memoranda that summarize published reports. These materials are from the Exchange Email Search and Access Set.

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