



George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

2943 SMU Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75205

September 12, 2018

Richard Blumenthal
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

This letter is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 8, 2018 for access to George W. Bush Presidential records pertaining to Judge Kavanaugh. FOIA requests for Bush Presidential records are processed and reviewed for access under provisions of the 1978 Presidential Records Act, as amended (PRA) (44 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2209), which incorporates the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) in substantial part.

We have completed processing approximately 3,826 pages of Bush Presidential records related to the nomination and appointment of Brett Kavanaugh as judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Of this total, 392 pages have been exempted from release in whole or part in compliance with the restrictions of the PRA and applicable FOIA exemptions, which specify what material may be released to the public. The 392 pages restricted from access, in whole or in part, are listed along with the exemption categories below. Some pages may be restricted under more than one category.

P2 - 62 pages
P5 - 282 pages
P6/(b)(6) - 216 pages
PRM - 6 pages

A list of the PRA restrictions and FOIA exemptions, as well as a copy of the finding aid that describes the processed material is attached.

At this time, you have the right to file an administrative appeal of any George W. Bush Presidential records responsive to your FOIA request that have been withheld under a restriction category of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. §2204(a). The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Director, George W. Bush Library and Museum, 2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75205. You should also include a copy of your original request and our denial. Both your appeal letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "PRA/FOIA Appeal." You have 35 calendar days from the date of this letter to file your appeal.

Since these are Presidential records administered in accordance with 44 U.S.C. §§2201-2209, NARA must notify the former and incumbent Presidents prior to the release of any information in response to this appeal. Once an appeal determination is made and the notification period has passed, we will contact you.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison John Laster for assistance at: Presidential Materials Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room G-7, Washington, DC 20408-0001; email at libraries.foia.liaison@nara.gov; telephone at 202-357-5200; or facsimile at 202-357-5941.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve

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disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The remaining pages are open for research. Due to the high public interest in these requests, responsive records are posted on our website as they become available; accordingly, no fees are required.

If you wish to order copies or need any further assistance, please contact our staff at 214-346-1557 or gwbush.library@nara.gov. Your FOIA case log number is 2018-0263-F. Please have this number accessible for reference during any future contact concerning this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Jarrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SHANNON JARRETT
Supervisory Archivist
George W. Bush Library and Museum

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