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**VIA EMAIL**

(LM 2013-013)

March 17, 2015

The Honorable W. Neil Eggleston  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Eggleston:

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 H.W. Bush Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 73,500 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 38,315 pages restricted in whole or in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 35,185 pages. 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 Bush's representative, James W. Cicconi, 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 June 10, 2015, 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 request, please contact me at (202) 357-5144 or NARA General Counsel Gary M. Stern at (301) 837-3026.

Sincerely,

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## ATTACHMENT A

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pages Processed</u>	<u>Pages Restricted</u>	<u>Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
2011-2184-F[1]	Iran Contra Affair	73,500	38,315	35,185

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to the Iran Contra Affair. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening include documents created during the Iran-Contra Affair, as well as records created and collected for the investigations by the President's Special Review Board (the Tower Commission), the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Resistance, the House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran, and the Office of the Independent Counsel for Iran/Contra Matters (Lawrence Walsh). The records are cover sheets, correspondence, legal documents, press releases, printed material, and reports. These materials consist of White House cover sheets and internal correspondence which route other documents, correspondence from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC), DOJ, NARA, and White House Counsel's Office requesting documents and information pertinent to the investigations into the Iran Contra Affair, as well as letters from various members of Congress, private attorneys representing government officials for OIC investigations, representatives of the press, and private citizens voicing opinions and requesting information. Also included are legal documents consisting of declassified depositions before the Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition and related documents, and opinions and indictments from cases brought by the OIC against individuals involved in the Iran Contra Affair (Oliver North, John Poindexter, Caspar Weinberger, etc). There are also copies of various cases gathered by White House Counsel's Office for research purposes. Finally, there are press releases which include remarks and press conferences by President Reagan and President Bush, responses to questions submitted by the press, transcripts of press briefings regarding the Iran Contra Affair, and the transcript of a press conference by the Tower Commission Board. Additionally present is printed material consisting of clippings from various national papers, magazines, journals, and books related to issues such as the OIC hearings and subsequent indictments, Bush's involvement in the Iran Contra Affair, and the Congressional hearings. Finally, there are government reports relating to various aspects of the Iran Contra affair which were provided by the OIC and the SSCI, as well as privately published reports from U.S. citizens on U.S. policy and Vice President Bush's involvement, and a statement of objectives from the United Nicaraguan Opposition.

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