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(LM 2014-067)

December 19, 2014

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 4,959 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 612 pages restricted in whole or in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 4,347 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 March 20, 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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B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
Presidential Materials Division

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pages Processed</u>	<u>Pages Restricted</u>	<u>Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
2012-0360-F[1]	Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania	4,959	612	4,347

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are forms, letters, messages, memoranda, talking points, lists, papers, fact sheets, resolutions/proclamations, and printed materials. These materials consist of government forms such as White House Correspondence Tracking Worksheets, Department of State Transmittal Forms, unclassified National Security Council (NSC) Profile Sheets and Action Data Summary Reports, all of which route other documents. There are also meeting room reservation request forms. Letters from private citizens and politicians cover issues such as humanitarian assistance and human rights violations, requests for intervention to protect and recognition of the independence of the Baltic States, economic reform, technical assistance, and ambassadors to the Baltic states. Most of these letters are addressed to President and Mrs. Bush and replies to many of these letters are also found in the files.

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