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(LM 2015-047)

April 30, 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) request listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 832 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 379 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 453 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 July 27, 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>
2015-0242-F	Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain	832	379	453

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material from the White House Counsel's Office and the National Security Council relating to the rendition case of Mexican citizen Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain, and material relating to executive, legislative, and judicial stances on the topic of rendition in general. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are routine transmittal coversheets, correspondence, newspaper articles, press guidance, and statements. The routine transmittal coversheets are generic in nature, and the correspondence consists of routine memoranda and letters between executive agencies, Congress, and the Department of Justice discussing and sharing publicly acknowledged United States policy on the rendition of Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain from Mexico on April 30, 1990. There are also newspaper articles debating the legal authority of the United State to arrest fugitives and traffickers associated with international drug trade; administrative press guidance and press releases about US policy and stances on the topic of rendition; and Department of Justice statements and Supreme Court decisions dictating US legislative authorities regarding the topic of rendition.

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