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**VIA EMAIL**

(LM 2016-081)

August 11, 2016

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 9,900 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 6,043 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 3,857 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 November 7, 2016, 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> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2015-0020-F[7]     | Nicholas Rostow files | 9,900                  | 6,043                   | 3,857                             |

The George Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of subject files maintained by Nicholas Rostow, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Legal Adviser to the National Security Council. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cover sheets, correspondence, press releases, printed material, remarks and reports. Cover sheets are routine and are used to cover and route correspondence between staff. The correspondence discusses issues such as ethics, congressional and GAO document requests, travel, and other internal personnel issues. The press releases include presidential statements on proposed legislation, presidential signing statements and press conferences, signing statements, speeches during foreign and domestic travel and fact sheets on proliferation, trade, and related international issues. The printed material consists of newspaper clippings about issues such as education, terrorism, civil rights and the drug war. The reports are from President Bush to Congress and discuss proposed legislation, such as proliferation, Cyprus, and the National Drug Control Strategy.

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1120 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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