



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2017-086)

August 15, 2017

The Honorable Donald F. McGahn, II  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. McGahn:

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 4,010 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 1,259 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 2,751 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 9, 2017, 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

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2016-2775-F	Appointment and Organization of US Inspectors General	1,754	236	1,518

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for material related to the Appointment and Organization of US Inspectors General. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are correspondence, forms, lists, talking points, and reports. These materials consist of letters of retirement and resignation from administration officials, members of committees and commissions, and federal judges. Also included are service letters from President Bush to individuals departing federal service, memoranda primarily between members of the Office of Personnel concerning vacancies and nominations, and lists of vacant positions under consideration for Presidential appointments, both with and without Senate approval. There are also talking points for a meeting with a group of US Inspectors General, and reports and correspondence concerning the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

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