



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2017-119)

October 31, 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 205 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 58 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 147 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 January 30, 2018, 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.

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B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
Presidential Materials Division

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A

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2016-2778-F	Isolationism vs. internationalism	33	0	33

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This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to Voice of America. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are articles, cables, correspondence, reports, and meeting notes from the National Security Council. These materials consist of correspondence, articles, reports, and meeting notes concerning the United States Information Agency's take-over of Voice of America. There are also cables, correspondence, and notes concerning programming and languages.

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