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**VIA EMAIL**

(LM 2018-061)

April 3, 2018

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 3,274 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 549 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 2,725 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 June 28, 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.

Sincerely,

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B. JOHN LASTER  
DIRECTOR  
Presidential Materials Division

Enclosure

## ATTACHMENT A

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2017-0099-F[1]	New Zealand	1,304	544	760

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to US-New Zealand relations. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the White House Counsel's Office and the National Security Council. These materials consist of articles, correspondence, forms, memoranda of conversations, press releases, schedules, and talking points. The materials include articles from both US and New Zealand publications concerning US-New Zealand relations. The general correspondence is between President Bush and members of the administration and embassy personnel. The forms are routine in nature and are used to transmit correspondence. The memoranda of conversations are between President Bush and Prime Minister Bolger. The press releases are from the Embassy of New Zealand sent to the NSC for informational purposes. The schedules are for meetings with New Zealand officials and the US Ambassador to New Zealand. The talking points are for visits of both New Zealand officials and the US Ambassador to New Zealand, Della Newman.

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