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(LM 2018-097)

July 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 100,957 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 56,942 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 44,015 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 September 27, 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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