



NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES

**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2018-154)

November 6, 2018

The Honorable Emmet T. Flood, IV  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Flood:

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) request listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 121 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 80 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 41 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 February 5, 2019, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. John Laster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

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>
2017-1773-F[2]	Selected records on the Department of Veterans Affairs	121	80	41

The researcher filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the White House Counsels Office. These materials contain articles concerning alleged waste and abuse by VA medical centers; general transmittal memoranda; and blank personal data statement questionnaires for candidates.

###



NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES

**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2018-154)

November 6, 2018

James W. Cicconi

Dear Mr. Cicconi:

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 you, as former President Bush's representative, 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 121 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 80 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 41 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 the incumbent President of our intent to release these Bush Presidential 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 February 5, 2019, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. John Laster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

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>
2017-1773-F[2]	Selected records on the Department of Veterans Affairs	121	80	41

The researcher filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the White House Counsels Office. These materials contain articles concerning alleged waste and abuse by VA medical centers; general transmittal memoranda; and blank personal data statement questionnaires for candidates.

###