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**VIA EMAIL**  
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April 9, 2019

The Honorable Pat A. Cipollone  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Cipollone:

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 systematic processing projects listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 88,526 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 30,857 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 57,669 pages. A copy of any records proposed for release under this notice will be provided to you upon your request.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a), NARA will release the records 60 working days from the date of this letter, which is July 3, 2019, unless the 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, flowing style.

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>
2018-0520-S[2]	NSC Executive Secretary— PRS Files (1989)	56,800	3,309	53,491

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to the NSC Executive Secretary Files—PRS Files (1989). The Bush Presidential Records proposed for opening are memoranda, correspondence, remarks, press releases, and transmittal forms. These materials consist of foreign travel authorization memoranda; legislative referral memoranda; transmittal forms for faxes and memoranda; press releases; public remarks by government officials; correspondence from members of Congress and citizens regarding points of view on important issues and/or pending legislation; routine memoranda and correspondence pertaining to the appointment of ambassadors from and to the United States; award proclamations; and declassified memoranda of conversations and memoranda of telephone conversations.

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2018-0818-F	Make Way for Ducklings	26	0	26

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to the Make Way for Ducklings Statue in Moscow. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are letters, memoranda, and notes. The memoranda and letters are about donating and accepting the gift of the statue as well as the financial/donation aspects of the statue. The notes are from staff meetings concerning the statue.

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2018-1416-S	White House Situation Room files	31,700	27,548	4,152

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records created and collected by the Situation Room. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cover sheets, cables, memoranda, notes, reports and printed material. These materials consist of routing information, administrative information (such as travel and meeting arrangements), unclassified and declassified reports on topics including the 1989 San Francisco earthquake and extradition/asylum, unclassified or declassified talking points for meetings with foreign leaders, and unclassified correspondence with foreign dignitaries.

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