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May 14, 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 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 2,986 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 103 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 2,883 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 August 7, 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>
2018-0111-F[1]	Unauthorized disclosure/leaks	2,986	103	2,883

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to unauthorized disclosure/leaks. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the White House Counsel's Office and the National Security Council and include articles, bills, excerpts, forms, indices, letters, lists, memoranda, messages, notes, papers, press releases, reports, schedules, statements, summaries, tables, and testimony. These materials consist of newspaper articles on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development Biodiversity Convention, the unauthorized disclosure of the Reilly Memorandum, and the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989; copies and an index of the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 bill; and excerpts of the Congressional Record on the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 and of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. There are also fax transmittal and message forms; letters regarding constitutional concerns on legislation; lists of problems with bills and staff members and their travel; memoranda regarding legislation, the Biological Diversity Convention, and administrative inquiries; copies of routine phone messages; transmittal notes; informational papers regarding whistleblower legislation and the Biological Diversity Convention; and press releases on legislation and the Rio Conference. Also included is a report of the Administrative Inquiry into the Unauthorized Disclosure of the Reilly Memorandum; daily schedules of various administration officials; a statement on the Biological Diversity Convention; interview summaries regarding the Reilly Memorandum; a table of whistleblower act provisions; and a partial copy of testimony on federal facility compliance with environmental laws.

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