August 1, 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 291 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 213 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 78 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 October 28, 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,

[Signature]

B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
Presidential Materials Division

Enclosure
The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening relate to RNC Chairman Richard N. Bond and are from the White House Counsel’s Office Appointment Files. The records to be opened include a description of the appointment position, resumes of Mr. Bond, and general transmittal forms and memos.

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening relate to AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and are from the White House Counsel’s Office. The documents to be opened are memos, an article, and forms. These materials general transmittal memos, an article from a book describing the AFL-CIO, and general blank employment forms.

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the White House Counsel’s Office and the National Security Council and relate to Operation Sea Angel and Bangladesh. The documents to be opened are articles, cables, forms, letters, memoranda, notes, a press release, reports, and talking points. The NSC materials consist of articles and memoranda regarding the USIA’s press coverage during the disaster; cables, memoranda, and notes on details of Operation Sea Angel; situation reports from AID’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance; memoranda regarding appreciation from Congress of the US humanitarian response; talking points requesting Department of Defense assistance for the relief effort; a misfiled cable regarding an earthquake in Soviet territory; and a press release of condolence to Bangladesh. The White House Counsel’s Office materials consist of forms, letters, and memos regarding the appointment of William B. Milam as Ambassador to Bangladesh.

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