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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 and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 53,459 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 3,638 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 49,821 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 February 4, 2020, 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 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>
2005-1035-S[1]	1989 NSC Numbered Files	50,400	2,637	47,763

The Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of records from the 1989 National Security Council Numbered Files. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cover sheets, distribution lists, memoranda, new articles, speeches, and schedules. These materials consist of cover sheets which are generic and contain title of documents or memoranda. The distribution lists contain staff member names and titles to which news articles or memoranda would be distributed. The memoranda are from staff members to President Bush or other NSC staff members and contain generic information regarding the unclassified workings of the NSC or Presidential speeches. The news articles are from daily newspaper organizations and generally refer to visitation of a foreign head of state or proposed legislation. The speeches are both final copies and draft copies of speeches made throughout 1989, most of which can be found in the Public Papers of the President. Finally, the schedules consist of presidential obligations during conventions, foreign visits, summits, and visitors to the White House, Kennebunkport, or Camp David.

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2018-0877-F[2]	Post-Cold War/Desert Storm Reduction in Force	601	170	431

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to force reduction, national security strategy, and military promotions. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening consist of declassified and unclassified cables, correspondence, memoranda, notes, and reports. The cables, memoranda, and notes concern background information, talking points, and instructions regarding the ratification of the CFE treaty and conventional force reduction. There are also memoranda, notes, and reports related to the National Security Strategy reports for 1990 and 1991, as well as some information related to the 1992 report, which was not submitted to Congress. Additionally, there are memoranda and correspondence concerning military promotions sent to the Senate.

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2019-0156-F[1]	Selected records on Ronald Reagan	174	0	174

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the White House Counsels Office related to Ronald Reagan. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening comprise a transition manual titled “Report on the Transition of Former President Ronald Reagan.” It describes job functions and tasks of individual staff members on the transition to the Reagan Administration as well as the end of the Reagan Administration. Topics include the role of GSA, the transition team, and the current White House in assisting the President-elect in the interim period between election and inauguration, as well as the role of the National Archives, the Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, and other government agencies at the end of the administration.

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2019-1026-F	Records related to the Emoluments Clause	113	0	113

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the White House Counsels Office related to the Emoluments Clause. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are articles, letters, and memoranda. These materials consist of articles containing background information, and letters from government agencies and Congress expressing questions and concerns related to specific cases of possible emoluments clause issues, as well as a response, both final and drafts, from the White House. There are also memoranda between White House staffers about specific emoluments clause cases.

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2019-1043-F	Records related to UN Peacekeeping	2,171	831	1,340

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to US participation in United Nations peacekeeping activities. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cables, memoranda, papers, and reports. The declassified and unclassified cables contain news articles as well as general instructions to the American Mission to the United Nations concerning peacekeeping issues. There are also declassified and unclassified memoranda and papers concerning topics such as participation and funding along with long term costs of participating in peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts, humanitarian relief issues, a 1993 Report to Congress on Proposed Refugee Admissions for FY 1993, and copies of the UN Secretary General’s report “An Agenda for Peace,” as well as copies

of administration officials' testimonies before Congress concerning peacekeeping. There are also copies of President Bush's 1992 address to the General Assembly concerning peacekeeping. Additionally, there are letters from Congress and interest groups related to US involvement in peacekeeping activities.

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