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

This material, consisting of 2,178 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 870 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 1,308 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 April 2, 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, 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>
2019-0343-S	Records on Attorney General William Pelham Barr	1,406	429	977

The George H.W. Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of records related to William Barr from the White House Office of Records Management (WHORM), the White House Counsel's Office, and the National Security Council. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening from the WHORM records are seven 1988 Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) Opinions that were proposed for publishing. The records from White House Counsel's Office contain memoranda, press releases, notes, cover sheets, letters, draft opinion papers, and newspaper articles. The majority of these records pertain to the May 1990 nomination of William Barr as Attorney General of the United States and they consist of notes, memoranda, letters, press releases and newspaper articles covering the nomination and process of appointing William Barr as Attorney General. The remaining records relate to memoranda of meetings William Barr attended, cover letters and cover sheets of routine transmittal of correspondence, a cover letter from William Barr to C. Boyden Gray regarding an Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Report related to William Sessions, a letter from William Barr to William Sessions regarding the OPR Report on alleged misconduct, a letter and draft opinion paper regarding conservative groups' preferences for United States Attorney General nominees, and a cover sheet and memorandum containing talking points regarding a 1992 William Barr speech on juvenile justice. The records from the National Security Council include notes, transmittal slips, memoranda, distribution receipts, NSC profile sheets and cover sheets. These contain documents related to National Security Decision Memorandum (NSDM) 119; a copy of the declassified NSDM-119 regarding disclosure of classified United States military information; items of a routine transmittal nature; drafts and finalized versions of memoranda from Brent Scowcroft to several members of the Presidential Cabinet regarding the 1991 and 1992 Global War Games; questions and suggestions about the Global War Games from NSC staffers, the Director of FEMA, and the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and treatment of Salvadorian Nationals. Distribution receipts are in regard to the routing of Presidential Decision 92-2 regarding 1992 refugee admissions.

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2019-0703-F[1]	Selected records on Diane Ravitch and education	772	441	331

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to Assistant Secretary of Education Diane Ravish and the National Advisory Council on Educational Research and Improvement. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening

are from the White House Counsels Office and include memoranda, papers, and forms. These materials are appointment records related to the National Advisory Council on Educational Research and Improvement. The material includes routine transmittal memoranda and appointment approval memoranda, papers including job descriptions and resumes, forms including resumes and general candidate information.

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