March 26, 2020

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 listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 19,300 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 8,814 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 10,486 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 June 19, 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,

B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
White House Liaison Division

Enclosure
The George H.W. Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of chronological and subject files created and collected by Karl Jackson, Senior Director for Asia on the National Security Council. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening include cover sheets, correspondence, remarks, unclassified papers and reports, and press releases. These records relate to administrative issues (such as travel and meeting arrangements) and various topics related to US relations with Asian countries. These topics include general US policy in Asia, Asian support for Desert Storm, disaster relief, foreign assistance, FSX (Japan), human rights, humanitarian aid, international commerce, military base negotiations (Philippines), and POW/MIAs.

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