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(LM 2015-043)

March 27, 2015

The Honorable W. Neil Eggleston
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Eggleston:

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 W. Bush Presidential records in response to the systematic processing project and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 29,829 pages and 1,014 assets, has been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and material related to appointments to federal office (P2), as they were eased by President George W. Bush on November 15, 2010. These records were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 9,353 pages and 187 assets in whole, and 742 pages and 252 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 19,734 pages and 575 assets in whole, and 742 pages and 252 assets in part that do not require closure under 44 U.S.C. § 2204. A copy of any records proposed for release under this notice will be provided to you upon your request.

We are also concurrently informing former President George W. Bush's representative, Tobi Young, of our intent to release these records. 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 22, 2015, unless the former or 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 notification, 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 initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
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ATTACHMENT A

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