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May 6, 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 projects and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 31,073 pages and 6,298 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, 6,678 pages and 2,875 assets in whole and 442 pages and 210 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 23,953 pages and 3,213 assets in whole and 442 pages and 210 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 July 31, 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,

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B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
Presidential Materials Division

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ATTACHMENT A

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2015-0008-P	Office of the Executive Clerk / G. Timothy (Tim) Saunders / Bill Files [segment thereof]	11,853	2,822 in whole; 16 in part	9,015 in whole; 16 in part

The George W. Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of records from the Office of the Executive Clerk, G. Timothy (Tim) Saunders – Bill Files [segment thereof]. The documents from this subseries largely consist of routine memoranda (and drafts thereof) from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to President George W. Bush regarding pending Congressional enrolled bills from 2002. The OMB memoranda include the bills' sponsors, purpose, last day for action, agency recommendations, significant issues, full summary, and general discussion of the bills. Also present are notes and comments from White House staff members and offices on particular enrolled bills of interest; views letters from agencies; Congressional Committee reports, both from the House of Representatives and Senate; signing statements and speeches (and drafts thereof) from President George W. Bush; information related to signing ceremonies; and booklet copies of the final laws.

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2015-0009-S	Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives—Henderson, Kristin / Outreach Organization Contact Files [segment thereof]	11,403	115 in whole; 286 in part	11,002 in whole; 286 in part

The George W. Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of a segment of records from Kristin Henderson’s Outreach Organization Contact Files within the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI). The records proposed for opening are correspondence with outside organizations including organization reports, brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, and contact information. Scheduling requests, tour requests, meeting requests, and requests for information are also present.

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2014-0049-F	Emails sent or received by Commissioned Officers on November 3 and 4, 2004	6,146	2,828 in whole; 207 in part	3,111 in whole; 207 in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent or received by commissioned officers on November 3 and 4, 2004. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are email messages containing correspondence, schedules, a briefing paper, meeting announcements, press releases, and Presidential statements. These materials consist of correspondence sent or received by Assistants, Deputy Assistants, and Special Assistants to President George W. Bush on issues such as inquiries from the press regarding election results and post-election interviews, positive feedback about the Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program, and initial discussions regarding staffing plans for the second term. Also included in this request are CEA white papers on productivity, ISM manufacturing, unemployment claims, and growth-indexed bonds. In addition, there are phone messages, talking points regarding the extension of E.O. 12938 (Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction), drafts of President George W. Bush’s radio address, and the birth announcement of Miss Beazley. This request also includes two photographs, as attachments to email messages, of President George W. Bush accepting a concession phone call from John Kerry and First Lady Laura Bush’s visit to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. These materials are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Email, Exchange Email, and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Email Search and Access Sets.

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2014-0090-F	The January 31, 2003 meeting between President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair	2,310 pages; 152 assets	1,586 pages, 47 assets in whole; 58 pages, 3 assets in part	666 pages, 102 assets in whole; 58 pages, 3 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to a meeting between President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, held on January 31, 2003, at the White House. The George W. Bush Presidential textual records proposed for opening are routine correspondence, cover sheets, routing sheets, schedule proposals, press remarks, and speech drafts. Included are some copies of photographs taken of President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, as well as a handwritten thank you letter from President George W. Bush to British Prime Minister Blair, a menu from the January 31, 2003 working dinner at Camp David, a copy of USA Freedom Corps 2002, and printouts of various news articles. Electronic records proposed for opening consist of requests from the media for photos and comments, a morning media review and media action report, web photos and captions after the meeting between President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair, and lists of speeches given by President George W. Bush on Iraq prior to the war. Emails from early 2006 concern requests from the media for comment after a book and numerous articles were published concerning the January 2003 meeting. These textual materials are from the White House Office of Appointments and Scheduling, National Security Council, Social Office, White House Office of Speechwriting, White House Office of the Staff Secretary, and White House Office of Records Management Subject Files; electronic records come from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, and WHO Shared Drive Search and Access Sets.

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2015-0101-F	Executed copy of President Bush's January 15, 2008 memorandum on Presidential Exemption from the Coastal Zone Management Act sent to the Secretaries of Defense and Commerce	154	73	81

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Area.” Also covered in this request are copies of the Central District of California court filing issuing a preliminary injunction in the case Natural Resources Defense v. Donald C. Winter. These materials are from the White House Office of Records Management Subject Files ND013 (Ships – Submarines) subseries.

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2015-0118-F	Folder titles “452788,” “680212,” “746278,” “758269,” and “763588” in the Collection “White House Office of Records Management” and the Series “Subject Files—FG001-08 (Presidential Telephone Calls)”	153	38 in whole; 34 in part	81 in whole; 34 in part

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2015-0119-F	All documents, correspondence, and emails exchanged between John Ellis (“Jeb”) Bush and President George W. Bush between January 20, 2001 and January 1, 2002	105	73 in whole; 8 in part	24 in whole; 8 in part

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