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(LM 2015-057)

May 21, 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 75,747 pages and 1,516 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, 2,678 pages and 585 assets in whole and 2,198 pages and 195 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 70,871 pages and 736 assets in whole and 2,198 pages and 195 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 August 17, 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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Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pages Processed</u>	<u>Pages Restricted</u>	<u>Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
2015-0001-P	WHORM Subject Files—FE009 (Proclamations) [segment thereof]	74,940	2,433 in whole; 2,180 in part	70,327 in whole; 2,180 in part

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2014-0048-F	Documents relating to Lehman Brothers from September 11, 2008 to September 15, 2008	46 pages; 610 assets	12 pages, 171 assets in whole; 3 pages, 81 assets in part	31 pages, 358 assets in whole; 3 pages, 81 assets in part

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2014-0138-F	Elizabeth Ann Warren	608 pages; 906 assets	157 pages, 414 assets in whole; 9 pages, 114 assets in part	442 pages, 378 assets in whole; 9 pages, 114 assets in part

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2015-0121-F	Documents, correspondence, and emails exchanged between John Ellis (“Jeb”) Bush and President George W. Bush between January 1, 2003 and January 1, 2004	110	68	42

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