



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2018-107)

July 24, 2018

The Honorable Donald F. McGahn, II  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. McGahn:

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

This material, consisting of 16,429 pages, 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, 15,589 pages in whole and 24 pages in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 816 pages in whole and 24 pages 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, Freddy Ford, 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 October 18, 2018, 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

Enclosure

## ATTACHMENT A

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2017-0425-F[2]	Records relating to the British-United States Communication Intelligence Agreement (also known as the “UKUSA Agreement”) or the exchange of intelligence between the United States government and the governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and/or New Zealand	16,429 pages	15,589 in whole; 24 pages in part	816 pages in whole; 24 pages in part

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