



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2018-118)

August 7, 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 systematic processing project listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 14,585 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, 9,396 assets in whole and 312 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 4,877 assets in whole and 312 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, William Burck, 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 31, 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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These materials are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Search and Access Sets. The ARMS emails cover the time period from January 20, 2001 to December 31, 2001, and May 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, and September 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002, January 1, 2003 to January 31, 2003, and April 1, 2003 to April 30, 2003. The Exchange emails date from January 20, 2001 to January 31, 2003 and March 1, 2003 to March 15, 2003. The RNC_PST emails date from January 20, 2001 to May 30, 2003.

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