



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2018-152)

October 5, 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. These records were processed in response to the *Blumenthal v. NARA* FOIA litigation.

This material, consisting of four assets totaling 20 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, four assets have been restricted in part. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open those portions of the four assets 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.

We are also concurrently informing former President George W. Bush's representative, William A. 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 January 4, 2019, 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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