



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2019-015)

November 29, 2018

The Honorable Emmet T. Flood, IV
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Flood:

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.

These records, consisting of 234 emails, have been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and records related to appointments to federal office (P2), as they were eased by President George W. Bush on November 15, 2010. These emails were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 120 emails in whole and 11 emails in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 103 emails in whole and 11 emails 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 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 February 27, 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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B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
Presidential Materials Division

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Material Processed</u>	<u>Material Restricted</u>	<u>Material Proposed for Opening</u>
2018-0263-F[3]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh containing the terms “dem staff,” mole, spy*, spies, Ledeen, Willett, and Lundell between July 2003-April 2004 that have not already been processed	234 emails	120 emails in whole; 11 assets in part	103 assets in whole; 11 assets in part

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