



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2019-024)

December 20, 2018

The Honorable Pat A. Cipollone  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Cipollone:

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 871 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, 408 emails in whole and 31 emails in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 432 emails in whole and 31 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 March 21, 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[4]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh containing the terms Manuel, Manny or Miranda between July 2003-April 2004 that have not already been processed	871 emails	408 emails in whole; 31 assets in part	432 assets in whole; 31 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent or received by Brett Kavanaugh containing the terms Manuel, Manny or Miranda between July 2003 and April 2004 that had not already been processed. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are emails containing news articles, public opinion polls, excerpts from the Congressional Record, as well as announcements of personnel changes and judicial nominations from the George W. Bush Administration. Additional material for release includes routine scheduling emails, briefing papers for public presidential events, correspondence from members of Congress, as well as drafts of the acknowledgements portions of President George W. Bush's remarks and statements. These materials are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Search and Access Sets.

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