



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2019-100)

June 10, 2019

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 in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 287 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, 92 assets in whole and 7 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 188 assets in whole and 7 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, 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 September 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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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[5]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh containing the term Pryor between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	287 assets	92 assets in whole; 7 assets in part	188 assets in whole; 7 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent or received by Brett Kavanaugh containing the term Pryor between July 2003 and May 2006 that have not already been processed. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are talking points, press releases, fact sheets, transcripts, newsletters and information from outside organizations, news articles, routine emails regarding statistical information, information concerning the recess appointment of William H. Pryor Jr. on February 20, 2004, and information related to the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Transcripts include Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing transcripts and Senate Judiciary Committee business meeting transcripts. Also included is a memorandum of understanding from the Senate regarding judicial nominations. Records regarding Pryor's appointment include biographical data sheets, administrative emails, draft and final routine memorandum to President George W. Bush to approve the recess appointment, a statement by President George W. Bush, and emails coordinating the sending of a congratulatory letter. Records related to Kavanaugh's appointment include emails that mention Kavanaugh's involvement with the Pryor appointment such as news articles, excerpts from blog posts, and transcripts. These materials are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, Exchange Email Restored – 33 Days, Exchange Email Restored – 40 Days and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Search and Access Sets.

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