



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2019-130)

August 30, 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) request listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 1,765 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, 1,602 assets in whole and 15 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 148 assets in whole and 15 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 November 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>
2018-0258-F[7]	Emails to or from Brett Kavanaugh with specific correspondents, or containing specific keywords	1,765 assets	1,602 assets in whole; 15 assets in part	148 assets in whole; 15 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent and received by Brett Kavanaugh during specific time periods and regarding specific people or keywords. For this segment of the FOIA request, records include correspondence to or from Brett Kavanaugh that contains the term “surveillance” (dated January 20, 2001 to January 20, 2009). The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are emails containing fact sheets, newsletters, news articles, final and near-final drafts of speeches, summaries of public comments and correspondence, press pool reports, routine scheduling and preparatory correspondence regarding judicial nomination hearings, transcripts of Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearings, routine fact-checking emails, and routine correspondence regarding invitations to attend the State of the Union Address. These materials are from the Exchange Email and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Search and Access Sets.

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