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(LM 2019-136)

September 11, 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 Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) request appealed to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) described in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 21 pages, was previously restricted from release under 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1). In accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 of Executive Order 13526, archivists at the George W. Bush Library returned copies of these documents to the originating and/or equity agencies for a classification review through the ISCAP process. These documents have subsequently been declassified in whole or in part by the ISCAP. Because these records do not require closure under any applicable FOIA exemptions, NARA is proposing to open 1 page in whole and 20 pages in part. 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 December 9, 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>Declassified Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
ISCAP 2016-216	Annex II to NSPD-46/HSPD-15 (U.S. Policy and Strategy in the War on Terror)	1 in whole; 20 in part

This researcher submitted a Mandatory Declassification Review request for Annex II of National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) 46/ Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 15. The researcher then submitted an appeal to ISCAP for the records. The George W. Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are two documents. The documents consist of the cover memorandum to Annex II and Annex II, which is entitled “Consolidation and Updating of Presidential Counterterrorism Documents.” The portion of the annex proposed for opening discusses the designation and management of National Special Security Events (NSSEs). These materials are from the Homeland Security Council – Confidential File collection.

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