



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2020-016)

November 14, 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 366 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, 90 assets in whole and 27 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 249 assets in whole and 27 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 February 12, 2020, 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[10]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Wendy Grubbs, Steve Koebele, or Nathan Sales between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	366 assets	90 assets in whole; 27 assets in part	249 assets in whole; 27 assets in part

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