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(LM 2020-049)

February 11, 2020

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 260 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, 77 assets in whole and 31 assets in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 152 assets in whole and 31 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 May 6, 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[13]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh Referencing Wendy Grubbs between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	260 assets	77 assets in whole; 31 assets in part	152 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 during specific time periods and regarding specific people or keywords. For this segment of the FOIA request, records include those referencing Wendy Grubbs between July 2003 and May 2006 that have not already been processed. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are administrative emails regarding scheduling and meetings, personnel announcements, talking points, an invitation to a surprise birthday party for Alberto Gonzales, and “Off the Shelf” news bulletins from the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs. Records from this segment date from July 28, 2003 to August 1, 2003. These materials are from the Exchange Email Search and Access Set.

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