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(LW 2021-002)

October 15, 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) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 344 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, 36 assets have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 308 assets 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 January 13, 2021, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. John Laster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
White House Liaison 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[15]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh Referencing Wendy Grubbs between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	344 assets	36 assets	308 assets

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 personnel announcements, news articles, spreadsheets listing all of the current commissioned officers serving in the White House, draft and final versions of a briefing paper for White House staff departure photos, a list of recipients of handwritten letters from President George W. Bush sent in 2004, a chart containing cited quotes from Senators regarding filibusters, as well as additional factual and routine emails. Records from this segment date from September 26, 2003 to May 18, 2005. These materials are from the Exchange Email Search and Access Set.

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