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(LW 2022-061)

May 12, 2022

The Honorable Dana Remus
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Ms. Remus:

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 Clinton Presidential records in response to the systematic processing projects listed in Attachment A.

These records, consisting of 116,306 pages, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 2,442 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 113,864 pages. 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 Clinton's representative, Bruce Lindsey, 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 August 9, 2022, 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 request, 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>Pages Processed</u>	<u>Pages Restricted</u>	<u>Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
2019-0803-S	Staff Secretary Office—Phil Caplan	21,362	158	21,204

This collection contains the files of Phil Caplan, who served as Assistant to the President, Staff Secretary from 1998 thru 1999. Caplan previously served as Deputy Cabinet Secretary and later Deputy Staff Secretary from 1994 to 1998. A number of pre-1998 files are included in this collection. The Staff Secretary records in this collection cover a variety of issues, including balancing the Federal budget, Social Security reform, international trade, youth violence, climate change, tobacco settlement, men’s and women’s World Cup soccer, and the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments. The records contain letters, briefing books, memoranda, reports, speeches, schedules, invitations, government publications, newspaper articles, and handwritten notes.

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2019-0405-S	Domestic Policy Office—Leanne Shimabukuro	94,944	2,284	92,660

This collection contains the files of Leanne Shimabukuro who served as Associate Director of Domestic Policy from 1997-1999 and Special Assistant to the President from 2000-2001. While serving in her position within the Domestic Policy Council, Shimabukuro specialized in issues relating to crime, including guns, gangs, drug and alcohol abuse, and youth violence. This collection highlights various topics relating to crime in the United States during the 1990s. In particular, Shimabukuro worked on issues related to the automatic weapons ban, the Brady Bill, the Crime Bill, gun control and strategy, VAWA [Violence Against Women Act], missing and abused children, school and youth violence, hate crimes, racial profiling, police brutality, law enforcement issues and budgets, the COPS program, elder abuse, drunk driving, crack and cocaine sentencing, money laundering, international drug issues, sex offenders, gun buyback programs, internet crime, bioterrorism, and agency positions on DPC draft policy and congressional legislation. The records include articles, calendars, cabinet weekly reports, correspondence, draft legislation, email, fact sheets, faxes, memos, news clippings, news summaries, press releases, publications, Q&A’s, reports, schedules of the President and cabinet members, speeches, and talking points.

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Bruce R. Lindsey
William J. Clinton Foundation
1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

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 you, as former President Clinton's representative, of our intent to open Clinton Presidential records in response to Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 299 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 William J. Clinton Library returned copies of these documents to the originating and/or equity agencies for a classification review. These documents have subsequently been declassified in whole or in part by those agencies. Because these records do not require closure under any applicable FOIA exemptions, NARA is proposing to open 107 pages in whole and 192 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 the incumbent President of our intent to release these Clinton Presidential records. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a), NARA will release the documents following 60 working days from the date of this letter, which is August 9, 2022, 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.

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<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Declassified Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
16-0165-M	Victor Butt, a.k.a. Victor Bout	40 in whole; 58 in part

These Clinton Presidential Records were declassified in response to a Mandatory Declassification Review request for specific (b)(1) closures from 2006-0684-F (Victor Butt, a.k.a. Victor Bout). Included are memoranda, reports, and background papers regarding Russian arms trafficker Victor Butt, specifically the U.S. government's efforts against his activities in sub-Saharan Africa. These documents are from the files of Gayle Smith, African Affairs directorate of the National Security Council; NSC Cables, January 1999-December 2000; and NSC Emails, Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01).

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Declassified Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
16-0166-M	Victor Butt, a.k.a. Victor Bout	47 in whole; 81 in part

These Clinton Presidential Records were declassified in response to a Mandatory Declassification Review request for specific (b)(1) closures from 2006-0685-F (Victor Butt, a.k.a. Victor Bout, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Whitney A. Schneidman). Included are Department of State cables and National Security Council emails regarding Russian arms trafficker Victor Butt. These documents are from NSC Cables, January 1997-January 2001; NSC Emails, Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01); and NSC Emails, Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01).

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Declassified Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
16-0167-M	Victor Butt, a.k.a. Victor Bout	20 in whole; 53 in part

These Clinton Presidential Records were declassified in response to a Mandatory Declassification Review request for specific (b)(1) closures from 2006-0686-F (Victor Butt, a.k.a. Victor Bout, and National Security Council Transnational Threats Director Lee Wolosky). Included are memoranda, papers, meeting notes, lists, and emails regarding Russian arms trafficker Victor Butt. These documents are from the files of Lee Wolosky, Transnational Threats directorate of the National Security Council; NSC Emails, Exchange-Record (Sept 97-Jan 01), and NSC Emails, Exchange-Non-Record (Mar 97-Jan 01).

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