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VIA EMAIL
(PA 2026-079)

May 19, 2026

The Honorable David Warrington
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Warrington:

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.

These records, consisting of 2,712 pages and 217 assets have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 595 pages withheld in whole and 156 pages and 3 assets withheld in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 1,961 pages and 214 assets in whole and 156 pages and 3 assets 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 August 13, 2026, 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) 357-5091 or NARA General Counsel, Matt Dummermuth, at (202) 357-5145.

Sincerely,

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KATHLEEN DILLON MCCLURE
DIRECTOR
Archival Operations 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>
2025-0111-F	Suppression or Classification of 9/11 Commission Investigative Records	2,712 pages	595 pages in whole; 156 pages in part	1,961 pages in whole; 156 pages in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records that prevented or restricted individuals from testifying before the 9/11 Commission; records identifying 9/11 Commission testimonies that were altered, classified, or blocked from public release; internal communications discussing the decision to suppress, limit, or classify testimony related to September 11th; documents detailing agreements between the 9/11 Commission and government agencies regarding handling classified testimony and records; and any classified, withheld, or redacted sections of the 9/11 Commission Report and related investigative records that remain unavailable to the public. The George W. Bush Presidential textual records proposed for opening are records on the non-disclosure of classified material during publication, a memorandum of understanding on document review and handling, an index of documents provided to the 9/11 Commission, and both redacted and unredacted internal transcripts of interviews taken by various news outlets from senior administrative officials and President George W. Bush regarding September 11th and the Global War on Terror that were reviewed by the Commission. These materials are from the White House Office of Records Management Subject Files and the White House Counsel's Office.

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2026-0134-P	9/11 Pool Reports and Press Briefings	16 assets	3 assets in part	13 assets in whole; 3 assets in part

The George W. Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of electronic records related to 9/11 pool reports and press briefings. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are pool reports sent in by reporters and distributed by the White House on September 11, 2001 as well as press briefings by Ari Fleischer to the pool. These electronic records are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) Search and Access Set.

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2026-0146-P	Photos of Ground Zero from October 3, 2001	201 assets	0 assets	201 assets

The George W. Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of electronic records related to photos of Ground Zero from October 3, 2001. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are photos of Ground Zero taken by White House Photographer Paul Morse on October 3, 2001. The photos depict the Ground Zero disaster area, first responders working in the rubble, and nearby street scenes of New York City. These materials are from the White House Photo System – Presidential Search and Access Set.

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Freddy Ford
Office of George W. Bush
2943 SMU Boulevard
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