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**VIA EMAIL**

(LM 2015-046)

July 24, 2015

The Honorable W. Neil Eggleston  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Eggleston:

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 Cheney Vice Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 400 electronic files and 22 pages, has been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories and all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 203 electronic files and 19 pages in whole and 54 electronic files in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 143 electronic files and three pages in whole and 54 electronic files 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 Vice President Cheney's representative, David Addington, and former President George W. Bush's representative, Tobi Young, 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 October 20, 2015, unless the former President, former Vice President, or incumbent President requests a one-time extension of an additional 30 working days or if the former or incumbent President 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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## ATTACHMENT A

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