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**VIA EMAIL**

(LM 2017-096)

July 11, 2017

The Honorable Donald F. McGahn, II  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. McGahn:

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 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

These records, consisting of 37,154 pages, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 6,333 pages restricted in whole or in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 30,821 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 October 4, 2017, 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,

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B. JOHN LASTER  
DIRECTOR  
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Enclosure

## ATTACHMENT A

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2016-0158-F	Elisa Harris files	27,542	5,403	22,139

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