VIA EMAIL

(LM 2019-103)

June 18, 2019

The Honorable Pat A. Cipollone
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.  20502

Dear Mr. Cipollone:

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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 September 13, 2019, 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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Sincerely,

B. JOHN LASTER
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Enclosure
ATTACHMENT A

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