



VIA EMAIL

(LM 2019-023)

December 18, 2018

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 Vice President Gore's representative, Beth Geer, and 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 March 18, 2019, 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.

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Office of Al Gore
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3810 Bedford Avenue
Nashville, TN 37215

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