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(LW 2022-046)

June 16, 2022

The Honorable Dana Remus
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Ms. Remus:

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 Obama Presidential records in response to the systematic processing projects and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 10,101 assets and 4,362 pages, has been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and material related to appointments to federal office (P2), as they were eased by President Obama on January 19, 2022. These records were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 50 assets have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 10,051 assets and 4,362 pages 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 President Obama's representatives, Anita Breckenridge and Robert Bauer, 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, 2022, 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) 357-5144 or NARA General Counsel Gary M. Stern at (301) 837-3026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. John Laster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

B. JOHN LASTER
DIRECTOR
Presidential Materials 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>
21-00004-P	Photographs of the Obamas' 2015 Selma Trip on the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday	2,729 photographs	18 photographs	2,711 photographs

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21-00005-P	Photographs of the State Dinner for President Felipe Calderon of Mexico and his wife Mrs. Margarita Zavala on May 19, 2010	2,504 photographs	5 photographs	2,499 photographs

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21-00006-P	Photographs of the 2016 Medal of Freedom ceremony on November 22, 2016	2,328 photographs	0 photographs	2,328 photographs

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21-00007-P	Printed Materials from the White House Calligraphy Office	4,362 pages	0 pages	4,362 pages

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21-00008-P	Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports (OGE Form 278e) and the supplemental Periodic Transaction Reports (OGE Form 278-T) prepared during the years 2015 and 2016	325 assets	0 assets	325 assets

The Barack Obama Presidential Library has completed the systematic processing of a segment of electronic records. The Barack Obama Presidential records proposed for opening include Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports (OGE Form 278e) and the supplemental Periodic Transaction Reports (OGE Form 278-T). These forms were prepared per Office of Government Ethics requirements during the years 2015 and 2016. These materials are from the WHO Shared Drive Search and Access Set.

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22-16557-F	Any and all photographs of Diana Ross, including images where she is depicted and also captured in the metadata	1,206 photographs	0 photographs	1,206 photographs

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all photographs of Diana Ross, including images where she is depicted and also captured in the metadata. The Barack Obama Presidential Library electronic records proposed for opening include photographs from the 2010 Kennedy Center Honors Reception in the Blue Room on December 5, 2010; the “Christmas in Washington” taping in Washington, DC, on December 9, 2012; the 2016 Medal of Freedom Ceremony in the East Room on November 22, 2016; and Diana Ross performing in the State Dining Room during the Christmas Holiday Senior Staff Diner on December 5, 2016. These materials are from the White House Photo System – Presidential Search and Access Set.

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