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November 10, 2026

The Honorable William Scharf
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Scharf:

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If you have any questions relating to this notification, please contact me at (202) 357-5091 or NARA General Counsel, Matt Dummermuth, at (301) 957-8730.

Sincerely,

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The Barack Obama Presidential Library has completed the systematic processing of a segment of the White House Communications Agency collection. The Barack Obama Presidential records proposed for opening include footage shot by the official videographer from a White House Kitchen Garden Harvest with Sesame Street characters Elmo and Rosita on October 30, 2013. Footage includes First Lady Michelle Obama speaking in the East Room with Elmo and Rosita, Elmo and Rosita speaking in the White House Kitchen Garden, and local school children enjoying a lunch in the garden from the harvested food with Mrs. Obama.

Case Number	Topic	Material Processed	Material Restricted	Material Proposed for Opening
24-00005-P	Military Naturalization Ceremony on April 23, 2010	30 videos	0 videos	30 videos

The Barack Obama Presidential Library has completed the systematic processing of a segment of the White House Communications Agency collection. The Barack Obama Presidential records proposed for opening include footage shot by the official videographer from a 2013 Rose Garden Military Naturalization Ceremony on April 23, 2010. Footage includes remarks by President Obama, the citizenship swearing-in, and interviews with some of the new citizens.

Case Number	Topic	Material Processed	Material Restricted	Material Proposed for Opening
26-00003-S	Correspondence regarding outer space, space flight, and space exploration	436 pages	94 pages in whole; 22 pages in part	320 pages in whole; 22 pages in part

These materials contain correspondence regarding outer space, space flight, and space exploration. The collection consists solely of letters to and from Congress regarding support for NASA and space projects, along with correspondence with the public.

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