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(LM 2021-036)

May 13, 2021

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 George W. Bush Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request listed in Attachment A.

These records, consisting of 46 pages and 101 assets, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 15 pages and 18 assets restricted in whole and five pages and 15 assets restricted in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 26 pages and 68 assets in whole and five pages and 15 assets in part. 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 George W. Bush's representative, Freddy Ford, 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 August 9, 2021, 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
White House Liaison 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>
2020-0171-F	Records that provided direction for officials who performed prepublication review of documents submitted to the National Security Council (“NSC”)	46 pages; 101 assets	15 pages, 18 assets in whole; 5 pages, 15 assets in part	26 pages, 68 assets in whole; 5 pages, 15 assets in part

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