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Date: January 11, 2023 To: All Employees Subject: Biden Vice-Presidential Records

You have most likely seen media reports this week about the National Archives and our actions relating to records from President Joseph Biden's tenure as Vice President.

We are unable to comment on the specifics of the matter. I will share information with you if and when I can.

Under the Presidential Records Act (PRA), Vice-Presidential records are treated in the same way as Presidential records. The PRA mandates the preservation of records by each administration so that a complete set of Presidential records is transferred to NARA at the end of an administration.

The PRA, like the Federal Records Act (FRA), is critical to our democracy, in which the government is held accountable by the people. Our fundamental interest is always in ensuring that government records are properly managed, preserved, and protected to ensure access to them for the life of the Republic.

We will continue to carry out our mission in a diligent and non-political manner.

If you receive inquiries or comments from the media or members of the public, please forward the messages to NARA's Public Affairs staff at public.affairs@nara.gov.

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