



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2019-131)

September 6, 2019

The Honorable Pat A. Cipollone  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Cipollone:

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

This material, consisting of 54,497 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 19,567 pages restricted in whole or in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 39,930 pages. A copy of any records proposed for release under this notice will be provided to you upon your request.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2208(a), NARA will release the records 60 working days from the date of this letter, which is December 4, 2019, unless the 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,

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>Pages Processed</u>	<u>Pages Restricted</u>	<u>Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
2015-1037-S	NSC PRS files—1989	38,400	12,219	26,181

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening relate to NSC PRS Files for 1989. The documents to be opened include routine correspondence and memoranda, press releases, reports, speeches, government charts, tables, publications, NSC routing forms and NSC/S profile sheets for specific document numbers that involve a wide range of national security topics. These materials consist of correspondence from private citizens, business and industrial leaders to President Bush; routine transmittal memoranda between Presidential staff members and/or President Bush; previously declassified records of conversations between President Bush and foreign heads of state; NSC profile sheets describing official meetings or social events, including dinners, funerals, state visits; facsimile transmittal coversheets; charts and tables depicting unclassified, public information on economic data of individual countries; congratulatory telephone and cable communications; public Presidential statements and speeches; schedule proposals, meeting arrangements for President Bush with foreign heads of state, Foreign Ministers, Defense Ministers, Ambassadors, US members of Congress and private citizens; unclassified travel arrangements/schedules; press releases; presidential press statements; government published Congressional reports and Presidential Determinations; unclassified reports to the Speaker of the US House and the President of the US Senate; copies of newspaper articles on international current events and foreign policies; and briefing books for Presidential trips abroad.

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2018-0885-F[1]	Selected records on the European Community (EC)	4,674	2,298	2,376

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the Office of White House Counsel and the National Security Council. The documents to be opened are articles, cables, correspondence, forms, papers, press releases, remarks, reports. The articles are from international news organizations concerning developments in the European Community; declassified and unclassified cables relaying information and commentary on US policy towards the European Union; correspondence includes declassified and unclassified letters and memos on topics such as trade, general US-EC relations, Treaty of Maastricht, Uruguay Round, general US views on EC meetings and events; forms include travel forms and correspondence transmittal forms; papers include background papers for Presidential meetings, trade topics, and talking points; press releases are primarily from the EC and report on meetings of the EC member states as well as EC Presidency conclusions; there are remarks given by administration officials to association meetings; and reports on trade and commodities.

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2018-1294-F[1]	Records on Senator Edward Kennedy	65	0	65

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening relate to Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and are from the Office of White House Counsel. The documents to be opened are articles. These materials contain news clippings are articles from papers and magazines such as the Washington Post and the New York post about Senator Kennedy and the Kennedy family.

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2019-0114-F[1]	Selected records on the Dalai Lama, Tibet, and the Immigration Act of 1990	158	93	65

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are from the Office of White House Counsel and the National Security Council and relate to the Dalai Lama, Tibet, and the Immigration Act of 1990. The documents to be opened are letters, memoranda, and papers. The letters are from universities expressing concern over the effects on international students of the immigrant off campus employment portion of the Immigration Act; from the Special Envoy of Tibet as well as a note from the Dalai Lama concerning the US position on a UN resolution concerning China; and a letter to President Bush concerning US/Tibet relations and the UN Tibet Resolution of 1992. There are memoranda concerning a paper sent to President Bush concerning US/Tibet Relations as well as copies of the paper.

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2019-1078-S	NSC Intel (IFG) Files	11,200	4,957	6,243

The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are numbered files created and collected by the National Security Council. The documents to be opened are cover sheets, memoranda, and unclassified reports. These records contain routing information, administrative information such as travel and meeting arrangements, staffing issues, and records management, correspondence with Congress and executive branch agencies, drafts of executive orders, press releases, and talking points, and unclassified reports and statements created for NSC meetings on various topics including climate change, export controls, foreign aid, immigration, international debt strategy, trade, and proposed legislation.

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