



VIA EMAIL
(LM 2019-149)

October 1, 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 115,197 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 19,575 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 95,622 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 31, 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, flowing style.

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>
2013-0520-S[3]	NSC Executive Secretary— PRS Files (1990)	51,200	4,105	47,095

The Library has completed the systematic processing of NSC Executive Secretary Files—PRS Files (1990). The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are memoranda, papers, cables, correspondence, and transmittal forms. These materials consist of foreign travel authorizations; Legislative Referral memoranda; transmittal memoranda, faxes, and cover sheets; press releases; speeches/public remarks; correspondence from members of Congress and citizens regarding points of view on important issues and/or pending legislation; routine memoranda and correspondence pertaining to the appointment of ambassadors from and to the United States; award proclamations; and memcons/telcons previously released in part or in full.

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2013-0520-S[4]	NSC Executive Secretary— PRS Files (1991)	43,200	2,579	40,621

The Library has completed the systematic processing of NSC Executive Secretary Files—PRS Files (1991). The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are memoranda, papers, cables, correspondence, and transmittal forms. These materials consist of foreign travel authorizations; Legislative Referral memoranda; transmittal memoranda, faxes, and cover sheets; press releases; speeches/public remarks; correspondence from members of Congress and citizens regarding points of view on important issues and/or pending legislation; routine memoranda and correspondence pertaining to the appointment of ambassadors from and to the United States; award proclamations; and memcons/telcons previously released in part or in full.

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2019-0519-F[1]	Selected records on China and Taiwan	3,141	2,326	815

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the White House Counsels Office and the National Security Council related to China and Taiwan. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cables, letters, memcons, memoranda, talking points, papers, and resumes. These materials concern US-Chinese relations and include declassified or unclassified cables with general background on topics such as human rights, general Chinese foreign policy, Japan, the USSR, the Gulf War, and trade or travel information

from the State Department; letters to and from members of Congress concerning human rights issues in China; declassified memoranda of conversation between US and Chinese officials ranging in dates from 1978 to 1980; talking points on trade issues with China; papers from interest groups and businesses on commercial satellites and non-proliferation, as well as background papers for meetings with Chinese leaders. There are also resumes for nominees to the Commission on Broadcasting to the People’s Republic of China.

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2019-1029-F	Records on the funeral of Emperor Hirohito	775	363	412

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to the funeral of Japanese Emperor Hirohito. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are lists, memoranda, remarks, and tabs. These materials include memoranda containing planning information related to President Bush’s trip to Asia, including the funeral of Emperor Hirohito as well as draft remarks to be made on the trip. There are a number of previously declassified memoranda of conversations between President Bush and world leaders while he was in Japan. Tabs are used to organize the material.

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2019-1044-F	Selected records on United Nations General Secretary, Boutros Boutros-Ghali	57	39	18

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cables, forms, notes, and talking points. The cables are unclassified or declassified and contain news articles and interviews; the forms serve to transmit other papers or correspondence; the note is a thank you from President Bush to UNSYG Boutros-Ghali; and the talking points are for a meeting between Vice President Quayle and UNSYG Boutros-Ghali.

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2019-1045-F	Selected records on UN Security Council Meeting, January 1992 and UN Military Staff Committee	650	207	443

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to the United Nations Security Council Meeting of January 31, 1992. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cables, memcons, notes, papers, and statements. These materials contain declassified or unclassified cables containing news articles and travel information; declassified memoranda of conversation between President Bush and other world leaders that attended the meeting; handwritten notes of the publicly broadcast portion of the meeting; declassified or unclassified scope papers concerning the meeting; and remarks and statements to be released during and after the meeting.

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2019-1163-F[1]	Selected records on Deng Xiaoping	49	8	41

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are memoranda of conversations. These materials consist of declassified memcons between Deng Xiaoping and President Carter, as well as several other government officials.

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2019-126-F[1]	Records on James F. Rill, General Electric, and Tungfram	125	53	72

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records from the National Security Council related to Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, James F. Rill and the acquisition of Hungarian company Tungfram by General Electric. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are articles, correspondence, resumes, and remarks. There are articles, correspondence, and memoranda dealing with the Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines on contaminated sediment. There are also general memoranda concerning the Assistant Attorney General position, as well as articles and resumes related to James F. Rill.

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2019-1493-S	H-Files, Transition Files	4,000	671	3,329

The Library has completed the systematic processing of Transition Files maintained by the National Security Council. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are manuals, correspondence, lists, forms, and papers. These records contains information related to the transition from the Reagan Administration to the Bush Administration. The manuals and correspondence contain guidelines and instructions for important processes within the NSC such as records management, handling classified information, descriptions of NSC duties, speechwriting, reports to Congress, and foreign travel. Also included are statutes and presidential directives from previous administrations establishing the basic organization and operations of the NSC.

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2019-1497-S	NSC IF Files	1,400	841	559

The Library has completed the systematic processing of numbered files created and collected by the National Security Council. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cover sheets and memoranda. These records relate to administrative issues such as scheduling for NSC/DC and PCC meetings, foreign travel, and leave requests for NSC staff members.

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2019-1506-S	National Security Council Philip Zelikow Files	10,600	8,383	2,217

The Library has completed the systematic processing of files created and collected by Philip Zelikow of the National Security Council. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are cables, cover sheets, correspondence, press releases, and papers. The cables are declassified or unclassified and contain communication of U.S. policy to delegations at meetings with European countries, as well as news articles and transcripts of press conferences. The cover sheets contain basic routing information. Internal administrative correspondence discusses issues such as meeting and travel arrangements. Correspondence with Congress and with the public

relates to European issues including German Reunification, US forces in Europe, and various treaties (CFE, COCOM, START, etc). Also enclosed are declassified transcripts from meetings and telephone conversations with European leaders. The press releases provide guidance and Q&As on treaties, environmental issues, and other international matters related to Europe and the Former Soviet Union. Declassified and unclassified papers from the administration, Congress, and private organizations discuss deterrence, weapons modernization, nuclear testing, security policy, science and technology cooperation, and NATO accomplishments.

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