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**VIA EMAIL**

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February 4, 2020

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 76,047 pages, has been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in a total of 11,561 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 64,486 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 April 29, 2020, 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[5]	NSC Executive Secretary— PRS Files (1992-1993)	48,800	2,569	46,231

The Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of records from the NSC Executive Secretary Files—PRS Files (1992-1993). The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening include 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 and 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.

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pages Processed</u>	<u>Pages Restricted</u>	<u>Pages Proposed for Opening</u>
2019-0085-F[1]	Computing	147	0	147

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to computing. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening include agendas, bills, forms, memoranda, papers, and reports. Janet Rehnquist’s files from the Counsel’s Office consist of agendas, bills, forms, memoranda, papers, and reports on various versions of high performance computing legislation and letters and answers to questions relating to analysis of H.R. 656, the “High Performance Computing Act.” The National Security Council Administrative Files contain forms regarding purchasing software.

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2019-1308-S	NSC Intel (NS) Files	17,500	4,638	12,862

The Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of records from NSC Intel (NS) Files. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening include numbered files created and collected by the National Security Council. These materials consist of cover sheets, memoranda, court documents, 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 requesting access to NSC

documents; draft documents (such as executive orders, press releases, and talking points); and unclassified reports and statements created for NSC meetings on various topics (such as export controls, foreign aid, immigration, international debt strategy, trade, and proposed legislation). These records also contain many documents from previous administrations that were requested by Senate and Congressional Committees on POW/MIAs, October Surprise, Iraqgate and Banca Nazionale del Lavoro.

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2020-0079-S	Douglas Paal Files	9,600	4,354	5,246

The Bush Library has completed the systematic processing of records from Douglas Paal Files. The Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are chronological and subject files created and collected by Douglas Paal, Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council. These materials consist of cover sheets, correspondence, remarks, unclassified reports, press releases, speeches and talking points. These unclassified records relate to administrative issues (such as travel and meeting arrangements) and various topics related to US relations with Asian countries. These topics include general US policy in Asia, Asian support for Desert Storm, environmental cooperation, extradition treaties, foreign assistance, FSX (Japan), human rights, immigration, intellectual property rights, POW/MIAs, refugees, trade relations, and US military presence in East Asia.

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