



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2019-022)

December 13, 2018

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 W. Bush Presidential records. These records were processed in response to the *EPIC v. NARA* FOIA litigation.

These records, consisting of 878 emails, have been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and records related to appointments to federal office (P2), as they were eased by President George W. Bush on November 15, 2010. These emails were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, 765 emails in whole and 30 emails in part have been restricted. Therefore, NARA is proposing to open the remaining 83 emails in whole and 30 emails in part that do not require closure under 44 U.S.C. § 2204. 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, William A. Burck, 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 March 22, 2019, 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 notification, 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  
Presidential Materials 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>
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