



**VIA EMAIL**  
(LM 2020-048)

February 13, 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 W. Bush Presidential records in response to Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requests listed in Attachment A.

This material, consisting of 58 pages, was previously restricted from release under 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1). In accordance with sections 3.4 and 3.5 of Executive Order 13526, archivists at the George W. Bush Library returned copies of these documents to the originating and/or equity agencies for a classification review. These documents have subsequently been declassified in whole or in part by those agencies. Because these records do not require closure under any applicable FOIA exemptions, NARA is proposing to open 32 pages and 26 pages in part. 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, Freddy Ford, 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 May 7, 2020, 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 request, please contact me at (202) 357-5144 or NARA General Counsel Gary M. Stern at (301) 837-3026.

Sincerely,

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2014-0324-M	National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) – 50, United States Strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa	12 in part

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2016-0149-M	Documents from FOIA 2014-0457-F	2

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0457-F. The George W. Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are two transmittal memoranda to members of the National Security Council Principals Committee from Dr. Condoleezza Rice. The memoranda describe materials forwarded to members of the committee in preparation for a Principals Committee Meeting on August 27, 2002, and for a National Security Meeting on August 14, 2002. These materials are from the National Security Council – Office of the National Security Advisor.

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2016-0152-M	Documents from FOIA 2014-0457-F	1

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2016-0155-M	Documents from FOIA 2014-0457-F	1 in whole; 1 in part

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2016-0167-M	Documents from FOIA 2014-0457-F	3 in part

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2017-0052-M	Principals Committee and Deputies Committee Meeting Material Relating to India, Pakistan, or South Asia Between November 2001 and February 2002	1

These George W. Bush Presidential records were declassified in response to a Mandatory Declassification Review request for Principals Committee and Deputies Committee Meeting material relating to India, Pakistan, or South Asia between November 2001 and February 2002. The George W. Bush Presidential record proposed for opening is an agenda for a National Security Council Principals Committee Meeting on Pakistan. This agenda is dated 02/12/2002. This material is from the National Security Council – Office of the Executive Secretary.

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2017-0054-M	National Security Council Principals Committee and Deputies Committee Meeting Materials Relating to China Between March 2001 and June 2001	1

These George W. Bush Presidential records were declassified in response to a Mandatory Declassification Review request for National Security Council Principals Committee and Deputies Committee meeting materials relating to China between March 2001 and June 2001. The George W. Bush Presidential record proposed for opening is the agenda for the NSC Deputies Committee meeting on China, held on April 16, 2001. These materials are from the National Security Council – Office of the Executive Secretary.

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2017-0117-M	Documents from FOIAs 2016-0294-F, 2016-0308-F, and 20016-0310-F	4 in whole; 2 in part

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National Security Council Principal’s Committee Meeting on FTAA Strategy, dated 06/27/2003. This document is redacted for (b)(3), 50 USC 3507. We are also proposing to open a letter and attached report, dated 02/07/2002, from the Nicaraguan Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Joe August Navarro to Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, Dylan Glenn. The letter is concerning a United States farm bill, and Nicaraguan concerns regarding the importation of peanuts to the United States. Attached to the letter is a document entitled, “A Request for the Support of the U.S. Government in Securing a Country-Specific U.S. Peanut Import Quota for Nicaragua.” This document is also included in this notification. These materials are from the National Security Council – Dylan Glenn – Subject File, and the White House Office of Records Management – Confidential Files – FG 006-27 (Office of Senior Advisor Karl Rove).

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2018-0125-M	Records from National Security Council Meetings Relating to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Counterterrorism policy in September 2001	3

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