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(LW 2023-126)

August 1, 2023

The Honorable Stuart Delery
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Delery:

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

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We are also concurrently informing former President Obama's representatives, Anita Breckenridge, Bob Bauer, and Emily Blakemore 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 October 26, 2023, 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) 357-5091 or NARA General Counsel, Gary M. Stern, at (301) 837-3026.

Sincerely,

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Rock Sioux Tribe in the Oval Office and having lunch at We The Pizza/Good Stuff Eatery with the group in Washington, DC, on November, 20, 2014.

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23-00005-P	Photographs from Barack and Michelle Obama's Trip to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe on June 13, 2014	1,261 assets	2 assets	1,259 assets

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22-26840-F[3]	Records on requests from Susan Rice to any intelligence community member concerning Russian influence on the 2016 presidential election and responses to those requests	499 pages	465 pages in whole; 1 page in part	33 pages in whole; 1 page in part

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23-05244-F	Records of the Office of Presidential Personnel on Jennifer Choe Groves	96 assets, 51 pages	73 assets, 41 pages in whole; 17 assets, 3 pages in part	6 assets, 7 pages in whole; 17 assets, 3 pages in part

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22-16558-F[2]	Any and all photographs of Kerry Washington, including images where she is depicted and also captured in the metadata	1,031 assets	868 assets	163 assets

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22-16560-F	Any and all photographs of Aretha Franklin, including images where she is depicted and in part also captured in the metadata.	1,260 assets	27 assets	1,206 assets in whole; 27 assets in part
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