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VIA EMAIL

(LW 2023-151)

September 18, 2023

The Honorable Ed Siskel
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Siskel:

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 the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request listed in Attachment A.

These records, consisting of 401 assets, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 90 assets restricted in whole and 3 assets restricted in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 308 assets in whole and 3 assets 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 December 14, 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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KATHLEEN DILLON MCCLURE
ACTING DIRECTOR
White House Liaison 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>
2018-0263-F[41]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh referencing abort between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	401 assets	90 assets in whole; 3 assets in part	308 assets in whole; 3 assets in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails sent or received by Brett Kavanaugh during specific time periods and regarding specific keywords. For this segment of the FOIA request, records include those referencing abort between July 2003 and May 2006 that have not already been processed. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are cabinet reports, talking points, gift reports, draft messages and robo letters regarding abortion, an enrolled bill memorandum and signing statement for the FY2004 Omnibus, weekly legislative reports, speech drafts, briefing papers, news articles, White House Comment Line reports, a 2003 accomplishments document, biographies for guests aboard Air Force One, discussion of an executive order regarding presidential delegation, and a Statement of Administration Policy. Many records relate to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. Records from this segment date from November 5, 2003 through July 30, 2004. These materials are from the Exchange Email Search and Access Set.

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