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Tobi Young
Office of George W. Bush
2943 SMU Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75205

Dear Ms. Young:

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 you, as former President George W. Bush's representative, of our intent to open George W. Bush Presidential records. These records were processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests described in Attachment A.

These records, consisting of 13,576 pages, 14 photographs, and 6,617 assets, have been reviewed for the six PRA Presidential restrictive categories, including confidential communications requesting or submitting advice (P5) and material related to appointments to federal office (P2), as they were eased by President George W. Bush on November 15, 2010. These pages were also reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions. As a result of this review, NARA has restricted 6,899 pages and 5,197 assets in whole and 1,556 pages and 378 assets in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 5,121 pages, 14 photographs, and 1,042 assets in whole, and 1,556 pages and 378 assets 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 made available to you upon your request.

We are also concurrently informing the incumbent President of our intent to release these George W. Bush Presidential 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 April 7, 2015, 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 informal 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

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This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for drafts of the 2002 State of the Union address. The George W. Bush Presidential records proposed for opening include speech drafts, schedules and event summaries, background materials, correspondence, speech booklets, and transmittal emails. Textual records come from White House Office of Records Management (WHORM), Counselor’s Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Affairs, Management and Administration, National Economic Council, Office of Speechwriting, Office of the Staff Secretary, and the Office of Strategic Initiatives. Electronic records proposed for opening come from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS) and White House Office (WHO) shared drive Search and Access Sets.

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This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to any and all drafts of the beginning of the Iraq War speeches on March 17, 2003, and March 19, 2003. These materials are from the White House Office of Records Management Subject Files, White House Counsel’s Office Harriet Miers – Speech Files, White House Office of Speechwriting, and the White House Office of the Staff Secretary Harriet Miers – Presidential Remarks, and consist of speech drafts, a draft forward to a presidential papers volume, press releases, internet printouts, including United Nations Security Council resolutions, a news article, notes, staffing memoranda cover sheets, a report, and final copies of the speeches. Electronic records proposed for opening consist of drafts of the Iraq War speeches given on March 17, 2003, and March 19, 2003, and come from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, and WHO Shared Drive Search and Access Sets.

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2014-0045-F	Drafts of President George W. Bush's second inaugural address	1,190 pages; 458 assets	723 pages, 245 assets in whole; 77 pages in part	390 pages, 213 assets in whole; 77 pages in part

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2014-0098-F	Select dates of the Presidential Daily Diary	3,269	610 in whole; 1,345 in part	1,314 in whole; 1,345 in part

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records related to select dates of the Presidential Daily Diary. The George W. Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are select dates, from 2001 to 2009, of the daily diary and appendices from the White House Office of Appointments and Scheduling - Presidential Daily Diary.

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2014-0117-F	Any and all photographs of Department of Justice lawyers meeting with White House officials	86	0	86

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all photographs of Department of Justice (DOJ) lawyers meeting with White House officials. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are photographs of meetings that included Department of Justice lawyers, including John Yoo, Jack Goldsmith and James Comey. These materials are from the White House Photo System – Presidential Search and Access Set and include a meeting of the Corporate Fraud Task Force on July 12, 2002, a USA Patriot Act Roundtable discussion on April 19, 2004, and a Department of Homeland Security Policy Time meeting on August 9, 2004.

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2014-0140-F	List of all files or folders relating to Rick Santorum	1,760	0	1,760

This researcher submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the titles of all files or folders relating to Rick Santorum. The George W. Bush Presidential records proposed for opening are limited to a list of folder titles from the following offices: White House Office of Appointments and Scheduling, Domestic Policy Council, White House Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives, White House Office of Homeland Security, White House Office of Legislative Affairs, National Security Council – Strategic Communications and Global Outreach, White House Office of Political Affairs, White House Office of Presidential Personnel, White House Office of Public Liaison, White House Office of Speechwriting, White House Office of the Staff Secretary, White House Office of Strategic Initiatives, USA Freedom Corps, White House Visitors Office and the White House Office of Records Management. No material from within these files was requested.

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2014-0145-F	All photographs of the handshake greeting by President George W. Bush with members of Project Prayer Flag upon their arrival to the Oval Office on January 12, 2009 as well as all correspondence from 2008-2009 with Shawn Black and Project Prayer Flag	388 pages; 14 photographs	2 pages in whole; 65 pages in part	321 pages, in whole; 65 pages in part; 14 photographs

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2014-0260-F	Documents related to President George W. Bush’s meeting with the Joint Chiefs on December 13, 2006 at the Department of Defense	64 pages; 8 assets	38 pages, 8 assets in whole; 4 pages in part	22 pages in whole; 4 pages in part

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2014-0322-F	May 29, 2007 meeting of President George W. Bush with four Vietnamese-American activists	60	55	5

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