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February 8, 2016

The Honorable W. Neil Eggleston
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Eggleston:

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These records, consisting of 87,751 pages and eight photographs, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 3,394 pages restricted. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 84,386 pages and eight photographs. 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 Vice President Gore's representative, Beth Alpert, and former President Clinton's representative, Bruce Lindsey, 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 3, 2016, unless the former President, former Vice President, or incumbent President requests a one-time extension of an additional 30 working days or if the former or incumbent President 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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B. JOHN LASTER
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Office of Al Gore
Suite 250
3810 Bedford Avenue
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