



NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES

**VIA EMAIL**  
(LW 2024-071)

May 23, 2024

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 433 assets, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 53 assets restricted in whole and 42 assets restricted in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 338 assets in whole and 42 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 August 20, 2024, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Dillon McClure". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

KATHLEEN DILLON MCCLURE  
DIRECTOR  
Archival Operations 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[49]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh Referencing VRA, Minority Voters, Black Voters, Hispanic Voters, Latino Voters, African-American Voters, Racial Discrimination, or Discriminatory Voting Practices between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	433 assets	53 assets in whole; 42 assets in part	338 assets in whole; 42 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 VRA, Minority Voters, Black Voters, Hispanic Voters, Latino Voters, African-American Voters, Racial Discrimination, or Discriminatory Voting Practices between July 2003 and May 2006 that have not already been processed. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are night notes, cabinet reports, speech drafts, draft letters, articles with commentary, political briefings, draft proclamations, information on judicial nominees, cabinet headlines, commentary on potential legislation such as the Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act and the National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act, a memorandum and talking points concerning a credentialing ceremony for new ambassadors, a memorandum and talking points for a roundtable with regional reporters, answers to a NAACP candidate survey, a memorandum regarding the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling, and talking points regarding African-American academic progress and the rebuilding of several universities following Hurricane Katrina. Records from this segment date from July 8, 2003 to April 14, 2006. These materials are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, Exchange Email Restored - 21 Days, Exchange Email Restored - 33 Days, Exchange Email Restored - 40 Days, and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Search and Access Sets.

###



NATIONAL  
ARCHIVES

**VIA EMAIL**  
(LW 2024-071)

May 23, 2024

Freddy Ford  
Office of George W. Bush  
2943 SMU Boulevard  
Dallas, TX 75205

Dear Mr. Ford:

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) request described in Attachment A.

These records, consisting of 433 assets, have been reviewed for all applicable FOIA exemptions, resulting in 53 assets restricted in whole and 42 assets restricted in part. NARA is proposing to open the remaining 338 assets in whole and 42 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 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 August 20, 2024 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Dillon McClure". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

KATHLEEN DILLON MCCLURE  
DIRECTOR  
Archival Operations 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[49]	Emails From, To, CC, or BCC Brett Kavanaugh Referencing VRA, Minority Voters, Black Voters, Hispanic Voters, Latino Voters, African-American Voters, Racial Discrimination, or Discriminatory Voting Practices between July 2003-May 2006 that have not already been processed	433 assets	53 assets in whole; 42 assets in part	338 assets in whole; 42 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 VRA, Minority Voters, Black Voters, Hispanic Voters, Latino Voters, African-American Voters, Racial Discrimination, or Discriminatory Voting Practices between July 2003 and May 2006 that have not already been processed. The George W. Bush Presidential electronic records proposed for opening are night notes, cabinet reports, speech drafts, draft letters, articles with commentary, political briefings, draft proclamations, information on judicial nominees, cabinet headlines, commentary on potential legislation such as the Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act and the National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act, a memorandum and talking points concerning a credentialing ceremony for new ambassadors, a memorandum and talking points for a roundtable with regional reporters, answers to a NAACP candidate survey, a memorandum regarding the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling, and talking points regarding African-American academic progress and the rebuilding of several universities following Hurricane Katrina. Records from this segment date from July 8, 2003 to April 14, 2006. These materials are from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS), Exchange Email, Exchange Email Restored - 21 Days, Exchange Email Restored - 33 Days, Exchange Email Restored - 40 Days, and RNC Personal Storage Table (PST) Search and Access Sets.

###