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(LW 2024-102)

September 5, 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 Obama Presidential records in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and systematic processing project 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 December 3, 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,

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KATHLEEN DILLON MCCLURE
DIRECTOR
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24-38660-F	Photos and videos of the President arriving in Portland and greeting the crowd on the tarmac on May 7, 2015	157 assets; 10 video clips	0 assets; 0 videoclips	157 assets; 10 videoclips

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Access Set. Audiovisual records proposed for opening include video footage of the above. These records are from the White House Communications Agency.

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The Barack Obama Presidential Library has completed the systematic processing of a segment of the White House Photo Office collection. The Barack Obama Presidential records proposed for opening include photographs from the Nobel Peace prize Ceremony at the Raadhuset Main Hall inside Oslo City Hall. There are photos of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama attending the 2009 Nobel Banquet in the Hall of Mirrors at the Grand Hotel; visiting with King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway, Crown Prince Haakon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit at the Slottet Royal Palace; and participating in the U.S. Embassy meet and greet at the Grand Hotel. There are photos of President Obama participating in a bilateral meeting and a joint press conference with Prime

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