Dear Mr. Sanderson,

This letter responds to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. NGC22-727.

NARA has received approximately 50 FOIA requests seeking records related to the 15 boxes of materials received from former President Trump’s residence in Mar-a-Lago. NARA is processing all related requests in the same manner: identifying categories of frequently requested records and organizing its searches and responses by those categories of records. NARA is processing the records on a monthly basis and posting any releasable records at NARA’s Electronic FOIA Library/Reading Room, at https://archives.gov/foia/15boxes. Please refer to this website for this month’s release in connection with your request.

This month’s response pertains Category 8, internal NARA emails related to the 15 boxes, starting on April 1, 2022. NARA is processing Category 8 in two parts. For this month, NARA located 1270 pages of responsive records. We are releasing 25 pages (7 in full and 18 with parts redacted under FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6)).

NARA is withholding 1245 Category 8A pages under Exemptions (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C) and/or (b)(7)(E).

Exemption (b)(5) was asserted to protect NARA’s internal deliberations. The exemption was also asserted to protect privileged communications and deliberations with other federal agencies, with former President Trump’s Presidential Records Act representatives, with the White House, and with Congress, where disclosure of the withheld information would reveal the substance of those communications.

Exemption (b)(6) was asserted to protect the release of information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Many of the records you requested were compiled in relation to active law enforcement proceedings.
Exemption (b)(7)(A) was asserted to withhold records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

Exemption (b)(7)(C) was asserted to withhold records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Exemption (b)(7)(E) was asserted to protect law enforcement information related to techniques and procedures that, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

NARA anticipates making its next response in March 2023.

Sincerely,

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