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 to the following categories:

- Category 8 - Internal NARA emails related to the 15 boxes, sent after April 1, 2022 (Part B)
- Category 9 - NARA chats and text messages about the boxes.

For Category 8B, NARA located 1,121 pages of responsive records. We are releasing 423 pages in total (151 in full and 272 with parts redacted under FOIA exemptions (b)(5),(b)(6) and (b)(7)(E)).

NARA is withholding 695 Category 8B pages under exemptions (b)(3), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C) and/or (b)(7)(E).

For Category 9, NARA located 155 pages of responsive records. We are releasing 119 pages in total (91 in full and 28 with parts redacted under FOIA exemptions (b)(5), (b)(6) and (b)(7)(E)).

NARA is withholding 34 Category 9 pages in full under exemptions (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(A), (b)(7)(C) and/or (b)(7)(E).

Exemption (b)(3) was asserted in connection with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e), which prohibits the disclosure of any “matter occurring before [a] grand jury.”
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.

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.

This completes processing of Categories 8 and 9. NARA will contact you with additional information about the processing of your request. Please contact me with any questions you have about this response.

Sincerely,

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