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August 8, 2018

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate Committee on
the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

On behalf of former President George W. Bush, we made an initial production on August 2, 2018 to the Committee of records relating to Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh’s service in the White House Counsel’s Office. As we noted at the time, we had asked the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to review the production for its views on whether public release of the documents would be appropriate.

Earlier this week, I spoke to representatives of NARA who informed me that NARA is unable to conduct the requested review at this time because its available resources are committed to the Committee’s special access request for records relating to Judge Kavanaugh’s White House Counsel’s Office service to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, dated July 27, 2018.

In light of the constraints on NARA’s resources, and in the interest of expediting appropriate access to President Bush’s presidential records in furtherance of education and research about the Bush Administration, we are producing to the Committee on a rolling basis commencing today publicly releasable versions of documents that, in our view, do not contain information covered by a Presidential Records Act exemption or applicable privilege. We are making the first set of these documents available via FTP link to the designated Committee staff,
with the “Committee Confidential” stamp removed from these documents. They may be released immediately to the public if the Committee so chooses.

Respectfully,

William A. Burck

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein