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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 24, 2003

Dear Mr. Stern:

I write in connection with the current status of Administration review of President Reagan's records under Executive Order 13233. As you know, more than 164,000 pages of former President Reagan's records have been cleared for release since the Order took effect. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and assistance as we have worked through this process, and we believe the process is working well, as we anticipated. This is an ongoing process, of course, as you provide additional notices to the White House of records that have been requested and proposed for release and that have been considered by former President Reagan's representative.

At the moment, only 1972 pages and certain video segments are pending with the White House (under two separate notices). As to those 1972 pages and video segments, President Reagan has not asserted a constitutionally based privilege as to 1898 of the pages and has asserted constitutionally based privileges as to 74 of the pages and the video segments. (As you know, the 74 pages were originally part of a notice regarding 1654 pages in total; President Reagan did not assert a privilege over the remaining 1580 of those 1654 pages, and on March 1 we authorized you to make those 1580 pages available.) Consistent with law, President Bush will concur in and support these decisions by the former President on all 1972 pages and the video segments absent some compelling circumstance. We will keep you apprised of the status of the 1972 pages and video segments currently pending, and will continue to do so for future notices.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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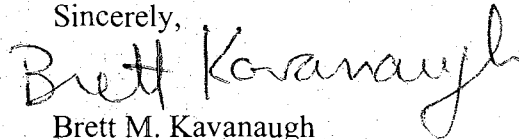
March 1, 2003

Dear Mr. Stern:

As we have discussed, this letter confirms that President Bush will not assert a constitutionally based privilege with respect to the records described in the following notices: 2002-032, 2003-008, 2003-010, 2003-011, 2003-017, 2003-019, and 2003-020. With respect to notice 2002-023, President Bush will not assert a constitutionally based privilege on the 1580 pages that we have discussed; however, 74 pages and the videotape segments are still under review and will be separately addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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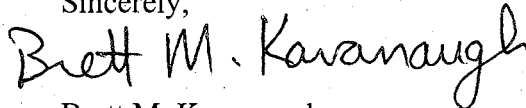
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April 18, 2003

Dear Mr. Stern:

This letter is to inform you that President Bush will not assert a constitutionally based privilege with respect to the records of former President Reagan described in the following notice: 2002-046. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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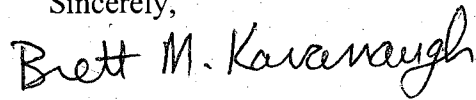
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Dear Mr. Stern:

President Bush will not assert a constitutionally based privilege with respect to the records of former President Bush described in the following notices: 2003-012, 2003-024, 2003-025, and 2003-026. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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