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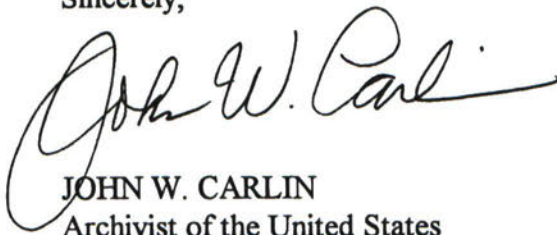
Mr. G. Timothy Saunders
Executive Clerk
Executive Office Building
Room 5
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Saunders:

Attached is a copy of the submittal provided on May 14, 1997, by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate regarding acceptance of the George Bush Presidential Library. Pursuant to the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955 (as amended in 1986), this report described the offer of the George Bush Presidential Library being made by Texas A&M University to NARA. According to the Act, this report must sit before Congress for 60 days before the Library can be accepted by NARA. We hope to begin an interim occupancy of the building in August and then formally accept a perpetual lease to the facility upon dedication in November.

My staff and I will be glad to discuss this with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-713-6410 or the Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, Dave Peterson, at 301-713-6050.

Sincerely,



JOHN W. CARLIN
Archivist of the United States

Attachment

**REPORT OF THE PROPOSED
GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY**

**Submitted under the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955
as amended by the Presidential Libraries Act of 1986
(44 U.S.C. 2112)**

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Gore:

Pursuant to the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955, as amended (44 U.S.C. 2112), I am pleased to submit a report on a proposed archival depository for the Presidential and other historical materials of the Bush administration. Texas A&M University has offered to make available to the Government a facility for use in perpetuity as the George Bush Presidential Library. The Library will be located on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station, Texas, and will be part of the George Bush Presidential Library Center.

In addition to the Library, the Center will include a Presidential Conference Center and an Academic Building, both owned and operated by Texas A&M University. The Library will enter into an agreement with the University to have joint use of the Conference Center for public and educational activities.

I attach the following documents for your review:

Tab I

A description of the facility, furniture, and equipment to be made available to the Government without transfer of title.

Tab II

A statement specifying the estimated total cost of the Library and the applicability of the endowment provisions of the Presidential Libraries Act as amended in 1986, including a statement on the amount of the required endowment.

Tab III

A proposed agreement between Texas A&M University and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) containing the terms of the offer of the Library to the United States.

Tab IV

A description of the types of Presidential and other historical materials proposed to be deposited in the Library.

Tab V

A statement of any additional improvements and equipment associated with the development and operation of the depository, an estimate of the costs of such improvements and equipment, and a statement as to the extent to which costs will be incurred by any Federal or State government agency.

Tab VI

An estimate of the total annual cost to the Government of maintaining, operating, and protecting the Library.

Tab VII

A statement from the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation describing their intention to support the Library's programs.

Tab VIII

A description of several cost saving design features in the Bush Library

Tab IX

A statement from the Archivist of the United States certifying that the Library facility and equipment will comply with the architectural and design standards that have been promulgated by the Archivist.

Under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act of 1978 (44 U.S.C. 2201-2207), materials created and received by the President and his immediate staff in the course of carrying out the President's constitutional and other official duties are "Presidential records" belonging to the United States. The Archivist of the United States therefore took control of the Bush Vice Presidential records at the end of the Reagan Administration, and the Bush Presidential records at the end of the Bush Administration. Until the Library is constructed, these materials are being housed in a temporary location in College Station, Texas, where the Government is fulfilling its obligation to preserve, protect, and process these materials. These materials comprise approximately 38,000,000 pages of textual records, 1,000,000 still photographs, several hundred hours of film, videotape, and audiotape holdings, and an estimated 40,000 domestic and foreign gifts.

In addition to the Bush Presidential and Vice Presidential records, the Library will house the donated papers and other materials of President Bush and his associates and contemporaries. Together, these Presidential and Vice Presidential records and donated historical materials will provide researchers and museum visitors with an invaluable source of historical information on the Bush administration and on recent American politics and government.

Texas A&M University and the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation have worked closely with NARA to ensure that the facility will fulfill both the requirements of the Government and the needs of those who use the Library. I have certified that the Library design and specifications meet NARA's architectural and design standards, and

that the construction to date is in substantial compliance with those standards. Since this is the first Library affected by the Presidential Libraries Act amendments of 1986, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation has agreed to establish in the National Archives Trust Fund an endowment, the proceeds from which will be used to help defray the facility operating costs of the Library. A statement of the amount of this endowment, and the cost information used to calculate its amount according to the terms of the 1986 Act, are attached at Tab II.

Upon fulfilling the obligations of the Presidential Libraries Act, as amended, NARA proposes accepting this Library upon its dedication in November 1997. The offer by the University and its acceptance by NARA will be accomplished under the terms of the attached proposed agreement found in Tab III. This agreement is similar to very successful agreements currently in effect between NARA and the University of Michigan for the Ford Library and the University of Texas at Austin for the Johnson Library.

At the time of dedication and acceptance, NARA, Texas A&M University, and the George Bush Presidential Foundation will also enter into a supplemental joint-use agreement describing, among other things, shared utilities, use of the Library Rotunda and parts of the Conference Center, event coordination, parking, and operation of the museum store. Prior to formal transfer, the University will make portions of the facility available to NARA, at no cost, pursuant to an interim occupancy agreement, for the purpose of preparing to establish the George Bush Presidential library. During this period of interim occupancy, the Bush Presidential and Vice Presidential records and donated historical materials will be moved into the Library building.

As seen in Tab III, the University and NARA propose, as part of the agreement by which the University offers and NARA accepts the Library, an arrangement under which the University would provide all facility management services necessary to maintain the Bush Library under the terms of a cost-reimbursable, sole source contract. Services provided will include all building maintenance (except major repairs), security, and utilities. The cost of these services will be periodically negotiated, and will be fair and reasonable in accordance with the cost principles of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31, and State of Texas regulations. Similar arrangements at the Johnson Library with the University of Texas at Austin, and at the Ford Library with the University of Michigan, have proven very beneficial to the Government.

I am certain that the George Bush Presidential Library will join in the tradition of the other Presidential libraries in being not just a depository of materials, but a vital member of its

community and a schoolhouse of history and political science, where the citizens of our nation can fully explore their rich and vibrant history. My staff and I will be glad to assist you in your review of this matter at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Carlin". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JOHN W. CARLIN
Archivist of the United States

Enclosures

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