

# Exhibit A

Letter from President George W. Bush to John W.  
Carlin (July 31, 2002)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

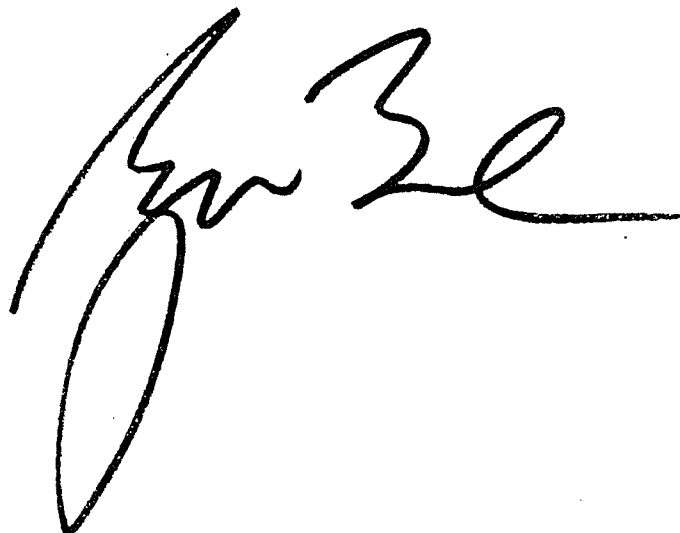
July 31, 2002

The Honorable John W. Carlin  
Archivist of the United States  
National Archives And  
Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, Maryland 20740

Dear Mr. Carlin:

I hereby designate Laura W. Bush and Alberto R. Gonzales as my representatives after my death or disability for purposes of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 22 and Executive Order 13233, and for the protection and disposition of the Presidential records of my Presidency. I also specify the 12-year statutory period following my last consecutive term of office as the duration for which the six statutory categories in 44 U.S.C. 2204(a) shall apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.