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# Hillary Clinton tells top aide Sidney Blumenthal it's a 'good idea' for diplomats to STOP telling the truth in newly revealed email exchange

- [Clinton](#)'s response to Sidney Blumenthal's email about the US ordering diplomats to not tell the truth could backfire during her campaign
- Emails reveal the top aide wanted then Secretary of State Clinton to announce the 'successful strategy' used in Libya
- A year later, US Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in an attack on the consulate in the country
- The Democratic Presidential candidate has been followed by the Benghazi and email server scandals during her campaign
- She claims her emails were not given the top secret classification until after she sent or received them

By [Daniel Bates](#) For [Dailymail.com](#)

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Among the thousands more [Hillary Clinton](#)'s emails that have been released are ones exchanged with her top aide that may just add to the dilemma facing the 2016 Democratic Presidential candidate.

Among the latest batch are emails from her adviser Sidney Blumenthal.

On December 6, 2010 he sent her an email including a link to a news story with the headline: 'U.S. Orders Diplomats to Stop Telling Truth'

Clinton replies: 'Sounds like a good idea!'

The emails also reveal that Blumenthal felt the former Secretary of State was 'vindicated' over the Libyan uprising even though the Benghazi scandal was still to come.

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**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2010 10:23 PM  
**To:** 'sbwhoeop' [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re:

Sounds like a good idea!

----- Original Message -----

**From:** sbwhoeop [redacted]  
**To:** H  
**Sent:** Mon Dec 06 09:03:15 2010  
**Subject:**

U.S. Orders Diplomats to Stop Telling Truth

[http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/us\\_orders\\_diplomats\\_to\\_stop\\_telling\\_truth\\_20101205/](http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/us_orders_diplomats_to_stop_telling_truth_20101205/)

Posted on Dec 5, 2010

Fake news by Andy Borowitz <[http://www.truthdig.com/andy\\_borowitz](http://www.truthdig.com/andy_borowitz)>

WASHINGTON—In the first major policy fallout from the WikiLeaks disclosures, the State Department has ordered all U.S. diplomats to "cease and desist telling the truth until further notice."

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**The truth will not prevail? Hillary Clinton exchanges a questionable email with top adviser Sidney Blumenthal**

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**Sidney Blumenthal (left) has been a long-time confidant and adviser to Clinton**

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Blumenthal told her in August 2011 she had to go on camera to announce the 'successful strategy' when rebels took control of the country.

He told her to speak to the media even if it meant giving a speech from the driveway of her holiday home in The Hamptons.

Blumenthal wrote: 'First, brava! This is a historic moment and you will be credited for realizing it.

'When Qaddafi himself is finally removed, you should of course make a public statement before the cameras wherever you are, even in the driveway of your vacation house.

'You must go on camera. You must establish yourself in the historical record at this moment. The most important phrase is: 'successful strategy.'

But in hindsight such vindication never materialized.

In fact, Benghazi has become the second biggest headache for Hillary Clinton after Servergate.

Over the following months after that email exchange, Libya slid into civil war and a year later US ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed when the American embassy in Benghazi was overrun by militants.

The ensuing scandal has been an albatross for the candidate.

August 22, 2011

For: Hillary  
From: Sid  
Re: Your statement post-Q

Just a quick note:

First, bravo! This is a historic moment and you will be credited for realizing it.

When Qaddafi himself is finally removed, you should of course make a public statement before the camera wherever you are, even in the driveway of your vacation house. You must go on camera. You must establish yourself in the historical record at this moment.

The most important phrase is: "successful strategy."

Just a few points:

- \*The US has pursued a successful strategy in Libya. We did not know how long it would take, but we knew it would not be easy, and that it would require steadiness and persistence. This was the right course, based on our interests and principles. And it has worked.
- \*Do not skip on the reasons in the US interest behind the successful strategy: We prevented a humanitarian tragedy on a vast scale. Qaddafi, who had already killed 2,000 people in April, threatened to massacre the residents of Benghazi, tens if not hundreds of thousands of people. We worked closely with our NATO allies, proving that cooperation within the Western alliance can achieve our mutual goals. The US has demonstrated its principled belief in the rule of law and acted on the basis of the United Nations resolution. We have supported the legitimate aspirations of the Libyan people for democracy and freedom. We have ousted a murderous dictator who has been a source of terrorism, civil war throughout Africa and a prop for dictators elsewhere. By acting in Libya we have helped advance the cause of democracy and freedom throughout the Arab world. We have provided an important support for neighboring Egypt. We have put Assad on notice that the sands of time have run out for him as well. Our successful strategy in Libya stands as a warning that our strategy will work again. Etc.
- \*Be aware that some may attempt to justify the flamingly stupid "leading from behind" phrase, junior types on the NSC imagining their cleverness. To refute this passive construction on US policy and help remove it as an albatross from the administration as

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**Success is key: Blumenthal writes advice to Clinton over her strategy with Libya. One year later the US consulate in Benghazi was attacked and Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed**

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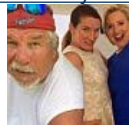
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Clinton was forced to testify before a House Committee investigating the terror attack that killed ambassador Stevens and could still be recalled to face more questions.

Meanwhile, Libya has become what the State Department has called a 'safe haven' for terrorists and a main launching point for people smugglers sending migrants to Europe.

Blumenthal, who advised Clinton's husband Bill when he was President before joining her team, flagged a story about former GOP Ohio House candidate Rich lott, who was exposed as being a Nazi re-enactor.

On October 10, 2010 Blumenthal writes as the subject of the email: 'Dems should demand Boehner remove this GOP Nazi re-enactor. Put Boehner in this blitzkrieg'.



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**Sidney Blumenthal advised Bill Clinton during his presidency before joining Hillary Clinton's team**

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**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 10, 2010 8:21 PM  
**To:** 'sbwhoeop' [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: H: Dems should demand Boehner remove this GOP Nazi reenactor. Put Boehner in this blitzkrieg. Sid

This is sadly not unbelievable--and I'm sure there are more such discoveries to be made. Let's keep 'em coming!

----- Original Message -----

**From:** sbwhoeop [redacted]  
**To:** H  
**Sent:** Sat Oct 09 10:49:38 2010  
**Subject:** H: Dems should demand Boehner remove this GOP Nazi reenactor. Put Boehner in this blitzkrieg. Sid

The Atlantic Home <<http://www.theatlantic.com/>>

Why is This GOP House Candidate Dressed as a Nazi?

By Joshua Green

An election year already notable for its menagerie of extreme and unusual candidates can add another one: Rich Iott <<http://voteiott.com/>>, the Republican nominee for Congress from Ohio's 9th District, and a Tea Party favorite, who for years donned a German Waffen SS uniform and participated in Nazi re-enactments.

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**Newly released emails show Clinton and Blumenthal's exchange over former GOP Ohio House candidate Rich Iott's dressing as a Nazi**

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## Militants attack Benghazi US Libyan consulate in 2012



Clinton replies: 'This is sadly not unbelievable - and I'm sure there are more such discoveries to be made. Let's keep 'em coming!'

The emails also reveal that in the days after it was revealed Anthony Weiner sent lewd texts of himself to a college student, Clinton was sent a series of in-depth articles about the scandal.

She wanted to be kept up to date as Weiner is the husband of Huma Abedin, one of her closest aides.

The articles included a Politico report in which Clinton herself was said to have given Abedin marriage advice.



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**Then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her aide Huma Abedin (left) go over notes during a 2011 trip to the University Teaching Hospital Pediatric Centre of Excellence in Zambia**

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## Clinton says Benghazi probes 'more of a reason to run'



Another email talked about how Weiner's close friends were 'appalled' by his actions and a third clip was called: 'Weiner's final undoing.'

This latest batch of emails were about 6,000 pages mostly from 2010 and 2011 and were made public by the Department of State after a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act.

Clinton's team vetted everything that she gave back to the government, but her critics claim she was censoring out embarrassing details.

But it has since emerged that some of the messages were classified or top secret.

Clinton claims that they were given the classification after she sent or received them.



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let her continue to take "credit" for the "successful strategy" in Libya. What a pleasant Utopia she helped create.

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