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Hillary told secret service agent who refused to carry her bag to 'get the f*** away from me', and treated her detail like hired help but Bill was a softie . . . says former agent in bombshell book

- Dan Emmett was a Secret Service agent with the Presidential Protective Unit and guarded George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush
- Hillary was said to have hurled a book at the back of the head of one agent
- Bill was always friendly with the agents, inquiring about their families, making small talk, posing for pictures
- Out of shape agents were expected to keep up with the extremely fit Clinton on his daily runs, as well as carry a pistol and a radio
- Agents travel on a special plane with the limos and Suburbans and do not have to go through customs
- One agent brought home a brass bed, another a large supply of wine; many more unmentionables came home

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If Hillary Clinton runs, and wins the Presidential race in 2016, the Republicans won't be the only ones with trepidation. The Secret Service, who have tangled with Hillary since she became First Lady in 1993, will also be quaking in their lace-ups.

Hillary has been known to hurl a book at the back of the head of one agent driving her in the Presidential limo accusing him of eavesdropping, forget her ps and qs by never thanking her protectors and lob profanity-laced orders when she just wanted the agents to carry her bags - a job not on agents' 'to do' list.

'Stay the f**k away from me! Just f*****g do as I say!!!' she is quoted as saying to an agent who refused to carry her luggage in the book Unlimited Access by FBI agent Gary Aldridge.



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First Lady: Hillary Clinton did not exactly endear herself to the Secret Service when she was in the White House or as Secretary of State. Agent Dan Emmett felt that she treated the Secret Service like hired help

Compared to Hillary's salty language, Bill Clinton was a gentleman, according to now-retired Secret Service agent, Dan Emmett, who began covering President Clinton on his first day in office in January 1993 and writes about guarding the president in a new version of his book *Within Arm's Length*, published by St. Martin's Press.

Emmett worked the most coveted of all assignments in the Secret Service, the Presidential Protective Division — sworn to protect Potus (President of the United States). He worked that detail for George H. W. Bush (Bush 1), Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush (Bush 2).

Although agents are urged by the agency not to write about the people they protect, Emmett has disclosed the inner workings of the Service and the elite Presidential Protective Division (PPD).

Emmett launches a stinging attack on the Clinton administration staff he used to protect - branding them arrogant and claiming that ex-First Lady Hillary Clinton was aloof.

He tells how Hillary never said 'thank you' to agents, unlike her husband, Bill, and their daughter, Chelsea and treated the Secret Service agents like 'hired help', he said.

In the new book, Emmett tells of one stormy night, St Valentine's Day in 1994 to be precise, when Bill and Chelsea had him accompany them to Andrews Air Force Base to surprise Hillary, returning from a trip.

Although Bill and Chelsea thanked him for the effort, Hillary did not.



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No sweat: When Bill Clinton went for a run, agent Dan Emmett was close behind, even though it was often hard to keep up with the athletic prowess of the president at the time

This disregard, he added, was found in even greater measure among the young White House personnel, whom he said displayed 'fundamental traits of rudeness and arrogance' which, at times, bordered on dangerous.

'Most of these youngsters were from wealthy families and many viewed Secret Service agents as the hired help,' he wrote.

One unnamed Clinton employee treated a Russian KGB agent on one presidential visit 'as if he were dealing with a Wackenhut security officer in Toledo.'

He also accuses President Clinton of putting his own life and those of his agents at risk by insisting on a 'totally pointless photo op' on the North Korea-South Korea border.

'No one seemed to know if President Clinton grasped how potentially dangerous this stop on the bridge was,' he writes.

'The Secret Service obviously believed this move unwise'

He added: 'Nevertheless, he was Potus and he wanted to stand on the bridge, so stand on the bridge he would do.'

In contrast to Hillary's chilly demeanour, President Clinton was always friendly with the Secret Service agents, inquiring about their families and making small talk.

And he was always willing to pose for a picture with the agent's family.

But at times, the notorious glad-hander made life difficult for the agents covering him. In 1993, on a trip to Russia, President Clinton, or 'Eagle' as he was known in agentspeak, decided to jump out of the presidential limo and work the crowd on the streets of Moscow on his way to the airport.



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Eye of the tiger: Emmett was charged with guarding President Clinton during his first term in office

A large group of men suddenly materialized, wearing great coats, big furry hats, large boots and armed with SKS carbines and AK-47 rifles. They controlled the crowd while President Clinton shook hands with people on the sidewalk.

But there was no such protection when he decided to take up jogging during the 1992 presidential campaign. Ever the people person, he was keen on running in public places, where he would stop and shake hands with voters.

Out of shape agents were expected to keep up with the then-governor as well as carry a pistol and a radio.

Two agents had to run along with him and be close enough to protect him. It became a challenge for the flabby agents when he began running faster and farther.

When he became president, military aides had to run along as well and carry a large briefcase known as the 'football', containing the nuclear codes needed by Potus to start a thermonuclear war.

'Up until the Clinton years and the relatively new threat of terrorist attacks, the PPD had been largely a gentleman's assignment, where looking the part combined with good instincts and reactions was almost all that was needed,' says the author.



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Proud to serve: Emmett and his wife Donnelle got to pose with President George W. Bush in the Oval Office. Their son was invited too

Before Clinton, no president ran. Reagan took naps, George H. W. Bush played tennis and golf.

To their dismay, President Clinton started running more and leaving the White House grounds to run on Washington DC streets during morning rush hour. Any one on the sidewalk was within a few feet of the President.

He would run down Pennsylvania Avenue, around the reflecting pool at the Lincoln Memorial or through Rock Creek Park. What concerned Emmett was that President Clinton's ritual made him predictable to any wannabe assassin.

An attempt was made to increase the president's safety by constructing a quarter mile running track around the lower roadway on the south grounds of the White House. That required agents to be posted in just a few locations, top physical shape unnecessary.

It didn't work.

Clinton wanted to run a nine-minute mile in the streets and around the monuments. Not only did the agents need

to have the endurance to finish with the president but they had to be prepared to respond to any emergency while running.

He easily could outrun them all, be out of sight, without coverage. And he was totally unconcerned about his safety.

Tourists were shocked to see the president in running shorts. One motorist rear-ended a car near the White House.



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Cool rise: This 1993 Cadillac armored limousine was first used by President Clinton. The vehicle, now retired from service, sported a 450-cubic inch engine

On one morning adventure, after circling the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial, President Clinton

crossed Seventeenth Street in the middle of the block and headed up a steep incline towards the Washington Monument, where he was suddenly facing a crowd of tourists.

The front agent couldn't keep pace and signalled for Emmett to take the 'off-shoulder position' requiring him to spring uphill before Potus disappeared into the unknown.

The words of his staff sergeant from his Marine Corps days ran through his head 'that I could rest after I was dead and get to the top of the god-damned hill now'.

Emmett caught up with the president when he reached the crest of the hill where some 30 tourists stood standing at the base of the Washington Monument.

Emmett moved between them and President Clinton. When he saw them reach for what he hoped were cameras, he placed his hand inside his running jacket around the grip of his pistol before the pair headed down the hill – without President Clinton working the crowd, only waving – much to the relief of Agent Emmett.

But Emmett admits it's not all work and no play.

One perk of the overseas trips was the Air Force transport that travels with Air Force One and Potus and is used to transport the limousines and agents' Suburbans.

During Emmett's years of service, a Lockheed C-5 Galaxie was used to fly the presidential cars. It had been designed to carry entire military units and all their equipment during the Vietnam War and Desert Storm.

It was uncomfortable and very cold close to the floor with almost no insulation between the plane and the subzero air temperature outside.

'After takeoff, we would walk around the airplane and visit...while those who discreetly brought their own beverages onboard would indulge in quiet moderation..'

The car plane meant 'you did not have to bother with the annoying process of clearing foreign customs and immigration, as the American Embassy handled that formality'. And, 'it provided the perfect means for getting all of your shopping items, no matter how bulky, back to the United States'.

So agents shopped to their heart's content in all the exotic locales where they traveled 'where you could buy anything from machine guns to people'.

One agent brought home a brass bed; another a large supply of wine; another agent sent back a full size reproduction of a warrior from the Terracotta Army buried in 210 BC with Emperor Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China.

Many more unmentionables came home – out of sight of customs --- on the car plane.

Another big perk of the presidential detail is groupies, writes Emmett. Phone numbers or hotel room keys are shoved into the hands of agents or thrown to them while working a rope line with the president.

WITHIN ARM'S LENGTH



A SECRET SERVICE AGENT'S
DEFINITIVE INSIDE ACCOUNT OF
PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT



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En garde: Dan Emmett protected three presidents over his 20-year career with the Secret Service. But it looks like President Clinton was the most challenging

Attractive women found the presidential security service intoxicating, Emmet wrote in his first book on the Secret Service which did not go over well with the agency.

He described it as paradise for the single agent but a constant struggle between good and evil for married agents which was won and sometimes lost.

In April 2012, a Secret Service agent on assignment detail in Cartagena, Colombia, partied hard and got into a brawl with a prostitute when he refused to pay her. The agents were getting drunk at the bar at the Hotel Caribe, annoying the manager as well as letting their bomb-sniffing Belgian Malinois shepherds defecate on the hotel's beachfront property in front of the manager's apartment.

That wild night rocked the elite Secret Service as well as embarrassing the White House, overshadowing President Obama's visit to the Summit of the Americas with 33 world leaders.

In March 2014, three Secret Service agents responsible for protecting President Obama in Amsterdam, were sent home and put on administrative leave after a night of heavy drinking that left one passed out in a hotel hallway.

The three were members of the Secret Service's Counter Assault Team, known as CAT, the guys with the heavy artillery who ride in a black van in the motorcade behind the presidential limo. They are classified as 'special forces' and are responsible for engaging enemy fire so that Potus can get away.

Emmett's job was close up, Within Arm's Length, to properly protect the president. So don't ask him to carry the bags.

- **Within Arm's Length by Dan Emmett, published by St Martin's Press is available on [Amazon](#)**

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- [Within Arm's Length: A Secret Service Agent's Definitive Inside Account of Protecting the President: Dan Emmett: 9781250044716: Amazon.com: Books](#)



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It's very interesting how only the amen presidents are so obsessed with security. There are lots of countries where presidents (or the prime minister etc) barely have any agents following them. Sometimes they drive their private car to work. Is it because of the strong

polarization and 2 party system or because of the guns?

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[RightWingDad](#), Red State, United States, 2 hours ago

Did anyone, left or right, think any different about this woman? Progressive north eastern liberals have zero etiquette. The old school family values and manners have been replaced by entitlement and it's all about me. Everyone gets a trophy in liberal America.

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see thats why I like Hil ,things like saying that to those .

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I visited the WH while they were there. I stayed across the street. Bill loved his hamburgers and planned to go to the pub the day I visited. First, the WH was dirty. The dust under the furniture was unreal. Second, security was a joke. We all knew which car Bill was in. We could easily see which car he got into. I mentioned that fact to an agent. He rolled his eye at me.

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Nothing about George and Junior so it's obviously a hatchet job on Hilary.

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Thats because George and Junior are gentlemen and not foulmouth Arkansas hillbillies.

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Good work.....the American people and the World need to know the REAL character (s) of those who would be leaders of the free World and if Clinto did treat her protectors like this she certainly doesn't belong in the White house !

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You can tell she's nasty. Nancy Pelosi, too. It's not because they're women that people say that (and that sometimes happens). It's because they're arrogant and when they smile and act nice you can tell it's an act. How dare she throw a book at someone. She has done nothing good for our country. At least Bill has always provided us with humor.

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I don't know about good but she has done nothing bad. As opposed to some presidents who started multiple unwinnable expensive wars, destroyed the economy for 20 years etc.

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Video? Audio records? Witnesses? No?

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Why would SS agents be "quaking in their lace-ups"? They have been guarding Hillary since 1992, it's nothing new for them. Quoting Gary Aldridge? Please, he's an avowed Clinton hater. Want to see the real Clintons? Go to Chappaqua, NY. They are one of the most accessible presidential couples. They are frequently walking around town with their dogs, going to Starbucks or shopping at the local stores. Anyone can talk to them and often do. I saw a lot of Hillary during her Senate years and presidential campaign. I never saw her be disrespectful with the SS and staffers. What I see here is a lot of hearsay and no proven facts.

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[ME](#), Canberra, Australia, 3 hours ago

Oh dear. A bit naive if you don't realise that politicians treat the voters and their lackeys differently. Just because you haven't seen it doesn't mean it doesn't happen - unless you are on her personal staff. Are you?

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[Marcus](#), Northamptonshire, 4 hours ago

"Out of shape agents were expected to keep up with the extremely fit Clinton on his daily runs, as well as carry a pistol and a radio" I doubt that even in america, they would put secret service agents on the protection detail of the president, who had trouble keeping up with a middle aged man jogging.

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Did you see the police?

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