Judicial Watch Uncovers New Batch of Hillary Clinton Emails

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Huma Abedin Emails Show Clinton Foundation Donor Demands on State Department

(Washington DC) – Judicial Watch today released **296 pages** of State Department records, of which **44** email exchanges were not previously turned over to the State Department, bringing the known total to date to 171 of new Clinton emails (not part of the 55,000 pages of emails that Clinton turned over to the State Department). These records further appear to contradict statements by Clinton that, "as far as she knew," all of her government emails were turned over to the State Department

The new documents reveal that in April 2009 controversial Clinton Foundation official **Doug Band** pushed for a job for an associate. In the email Band tells Hillary Clinton's former aides at the State Department Cheryl Mills and Huma Abedin that it is "important to take care of [Redacted]. Band is reassured by Abedin that "Personnel has been sending him options." Band was co-founder of **Teneo Strategy** with Bill Clinton and a top official of the Clinton Foundation, including its Clinton Global Initiative.

Included in the new document production is a 2009 email in which Band, directs Abedin and Mills to put Lebanese-Nigerian billionaire and Clinton Foundation donor **Gilbert Chagoury** in touch with the State Department's "substance person" on Lebanon. Band notes that Chagoury is "key guy there [Lebanon] and to us," and insists that Abedin call Amb. Jeffrey Feltman to connect him to Chagoury.

Chagoury is a close friend of former President Bill Clinton and a top donor to the Clinton Foundation. He has appeared near the top of the Foundation's donor list as a \$1 million to \$5 million contributor, according to foundation **documents**. He also **pledged** \$1 billion to the **Clinton Global Initiative**. According to a 2010 **investigation** by PBS *Frontline*, Chagoury **was convicted** in 2000 in Switzerland for laundering money from Nigeria, but agreed to a plea deal and repaid \$66 million to the Nigerian government.

Clinton's top aides' favors for and interactions with the Clinton Foundation seem in

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violation of the ethics agreements that Hillary Clinton agreed to in order to be appointed and confirmed as Secretary of State. For example, Secretary of State-designate Hillary Clinton on January 5, 2009, in a **letter** to State Department Designated Agency Ethics Official James H. Thessin:

"For the duration of my appointment as Secretary if I am confirmed, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which The William J. Clinton Foundation (or the Clinton Global Initiative) is a party or represents a party...."

As preparation for Hillary's upcoming visit to Asia, Stephen Roach, chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia, on Feb. 11, 2009, **sends Hillary** a copy of his upcoming **testimony** before Congress in which he would condemn any U.S. efforts to criticize Chinese monetary policy or enact trade barriers. Several days later, Hillary asked Abedin about Roach possibly "**connecting**" with her while she was in Beijing: "I forwarded you my email to him about connecting in Beijing. Can he come to the embassy or other event?" **Morgan Stanley** is a long-time **financial supporter** of the Clintons.

The emails also reveal that Abedin left **then-Secretary Clinton's daily schedule**, a presumably sensitive document, on a bed in an unlocked hotel room. An email on April 18, 2009, during a conference in Trinidad and Tobago, from aide Melissa J. Lan to Huma Abedin asks for the Secretary's "day book binders." Abedin replies: "Yes. It's on the bed in my room. U can take it. **My door is open**. I'm in the lobby.Thx." Moreover, the emails show the **annoyance** of another Clinton aide that the schedule was sent to an authorized State Department email address and not to an unsecured non-state.gov account.

The emails reveal that Clinton campaign adviser and pollster **Mark Penn** advised Clinton on NATO and piracy. Another major Clinton fundraiser, Lana Moresky, also pushed Clinton to hire someone for a position at State. Clinton directed Abedin to **follow up** and "help" the applicant and told Abedin to "let me know" about the job issue.

The emails show that Hillary Clinton relied on someone named "Justin" (presumably Justin Cooper, a Bill Clinton and Clinton Foundation employee), to set up her cell phone voicemail, rather than having State Department personnel handle it. This was in a February 11, 2009, email from Clinton aide Lauren Jiloty to Clinton, using Clinton's hdr22@clintonmail.com address.

This is the ninth set of records produced for Judicial Watch by the State Department from the non-state.gov email accounts of Huma Abedin.

The documents were produced under a **court order** in a May 5, 2015, Freedom of Information (FOIA) **lawsuit** against the State Department (**Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S.**

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Department of State (No. 1:15-cv-00684)) requiring the agency to produce "all emails of official State Department business received or sent by former Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin from January 1, 2009 through February 1, 2013, using a 'non-state'.gov email address."

"No wonder Hillary Clinton and Huma Abedin hid emails from the American people, the courts and Congress," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "They show the Clinton Foundation, Clinton donors, and operatives worked with Hillary Clinton in potential violation of the law."

In June, Judicial Watch uncovered two batches (here and here) of new Clinton email records through court-ordered discovery.

Twice in May, Judicial Watch uncovered new Clinton emails, including emails that show Clinton knew about the security risk of her BlackBerry (see here and here).

Recently, Judicial Watch released other State Department emails (one batch of **103** pages, the second of **138** pages), with newly discovered Clinton emails also going back as far as January 2009.

In March, Judicial Watch **released** Clinton State Department emails dating from February 2009 that also call into question her statements about her emails. Those emails contained more evidence of the battle between security officials in the State Department, National Security Administration, Clinton and her staff over attempts to obtain secure BlackBerrys.

Hillary Clinton has repeatedly stated that she believes that the 55,000 pages of documents she turned over to the State Department in December 2014 included all of her work-related emails. In response to a court order in other Judicial Watch litigation, she **declared under penalty of perjury** that she had "directed that all my emails on clintonemail.com in my custody that were or are potentially federal records be provided to the Department of State, and on information and belief, this has been done." This new email find is also at odds with her **official campaign statement** suggesting all "work or potentially work-related emails" were provided to the State Department.

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