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- Democratic nominee was responding to a question posed by DailyMail.com during a question and answer session on her plane
- Trump went on offense over the 'pay for play' agreement at a rally Friday
- Emial from Huma Abedin revealed how Clinton got King of Morocco to underwrite \$12m Clinton Foundation summit
- Abedin revealed: 'The condition upon which the Moroccans agreed to host the meeting was her participation.'
- She backed out of Marrakesh event amid a human rights storm after Abedin wrote: 'She created this mess and she knows it'

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Hacked emails revealed an internal disagreement among Clinton's aides about her desire to hold a conference in Marrakech, Morocco.

The country's king made a \$12 million pledge to fund the Clinton Global Initiative conference - but only if the the likely presidential candidate attended.

Top confidante Huma Abedin bluntly wrote in a January 2015 email that 'if HRC was not part of it, meeting was a non-starter.'

Then she warned: 'She created this mess and she knows it.'

It was an uncharacteristic remark from Abedin, who is known for her abiding loyalty to Clinton over the years.

Donald Trump castigated Clinton on Friday for the 'pay for play' arrangement.

'Now from WikiLeaks, we just learned she tried to get \$12 million from the Kingdom of Morocco for an appearance,' Trump said during a rally in western North Carolina.

'More pay for play!' he boomed as a crowd of thousands booed and yelled, 'Lock her up!'

'That's why I'm proposing a path of ethics reforms to make our government honest again,' the Republican presidential nominee said.

Trump said, 'It's time to drain the swamp in Washington, D.C.'

He exclaimed later, 'Boy, we love WikiLeaks!'

Revelation: Huma Abedin's frank email emerged in Wikileaks and shows her disclosing that her boss Hillary Clinton was entirely responsible for the Marrakesh mess

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The hacked email, stolen from an account belonging to Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, was among more than 4,000 posted Thursday on the website of the Wikileaks organization.

Clinton was no longer serving as secretary of state at the time of the meeting in Marrakech and did not end up attending.

Abedin told Podesta and current Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook in the leaked email that the lavish May 2015 meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative was based on a \$12 million pledge from Moroccan King Mohammed VI to host the event.

'The King has personally committed approx. \$12 million both for the endowment and to support the meeting,' Abedin wrote.

Clinton Foundation records do not show any direct pledge of funding from the king or government of Morocco to the charity, however.

Commitments to the charity's 'global initiative' program are agreements to fund the program's international projects.

## \$12 million get-together: Bill Clinton was the star turn at the Clinton Foundation's Clinton Global Initiative summit in Marrakesh in May 2015. It was his wife who solicited the cash from the country's king using her own presence as a quid-pro-quo, then did not go herself

Existing relationship: Hillary Clinton had met King Mohammed VI of Morocco a number of times, including in December 2013. The next year appears to be when she solicited the money from him

In her message, Abedin said that Clinton's personal appearance at the planned meeting was a key element in the Moroccan decision to host the event.

'The condition upon which the Moroccans agreed to host the meeting was her participation,' Abedin wrote.

She added that 'CGI also wasn't pushing for a meeting in Morocco and it wasn't their first choice.'

Clinton's decision not to attend came despite a November 2014 email in which Abedin insisted 'no matter what happens, she will be in Morocco hosting CGI on May 5-7, 2015. Her presence was a condition for the Moroccans to proceed so there is no going back on this.'

The Clinton Foundation announced just before the conference that it was tightening its policy on donations from foreign governments, agreeing to allow financial gifts only from six nations that had previously supported the foundation's health, poverty and climate change programs.

Those nations were Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom.

Politico had reported a week before that the CGI meeting was partly supported by a pledge of at least \$1 million from OCP, a Moroccan phosphate export firm whose directors at the time included several top Moroccan government ministers, including the heads of the nation's foreign affairs and interior ministries.

In August, former President Bill Clinton said that if his wife is elected, the family's foundation would no longer accept any donations from foreign governments or corporations, or from U.S. companies.

> Royal audience: The wealthy scion of a powerful dynasty met Princess Lalla Salma, wife of the queen of Morocco at the royal palace in Marrakesh

Big donor: King Mohammad VI personally gave \$12 million to host the event. The State Department's latest Report on Human Rights Practices says his country imprisons 'persons for political activities or beliefs under the cover of criminal charges'

Hillary Clinton has sharply criticized Trump, the Republican nominee, for using the stolen emails to attack her and for encouraging hackers to leak thousands of emails she deleted from a now-infamous homebrew server.

Trump on Friday told his supporters he'd have 'lots of options' to punish her for erasing the server but urged them to hold their fire for now.

'Let's do this,' he said. 'If we win, we have lots of options. But we've got to win. What a waste of time if we don't pull this off!'

The Republican said at the second presidential debate that he'd appoint a special prosecutor to look into her emails and told Clinton she'd 'be in jail' if he were in the White House now.

'Every time Donald Trump says he wants to jail his opponent, meaning me, I think to myself, you know, we don't do that in America,' Clinton said Saturday at her Pittsburgh rally. 'We actually have laws and courts and an independent judiciary.'

She said later she's not worried that Donald Trump will make good on his threat to 'jail' her if he wins, though.

'I have no concerns about [that] whatsoever,' she told reporters traveling on her plane from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia after DailyMail.com asked her about his pledge.

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