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Subject: Re: Answers

Yes, here's what I'd sent before. I wanted option to use the following

(obviously wouldn't use all, but a portion)

These exchanges were pretty interesting....would love the option to use...

thnx

Moose

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: I've eaten moose, too. I've had moose stew.

NEW YORK TIMES: Really?

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Yeah, in Alaska, moose stew.

So that's why I always got a big kick out of Sarah Palin with all of her,

"We're cooking up some moose stew here." (Laughter.)

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And I'd get up and I'd wash the dishes.

But then, you know, it's like 2:30 in the morning, what are you going to

do? So we'd go for a hike. And we would hike up these -- you know, these

sort of foothills of the mountains. And the guides told us the most

dangerous animal in the park, more than the grizzlies, because the

grizzlies will basically ignore you, were the moose.

NEW YORK TIMES: Really?

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And particularly --

NEW YORK TIMES: Why?

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: -- the mother moose.

Well --

NEW YORK TIMES: I'm sure. I understand, particularly the mother moose.

But still the mother grizzly is in the -- you know --

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: But you don't get -- I mean, the mother grizzly's habitat is, you know --

NEW YORK TIMES: It's more --

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: You have to work to get there.

NEW YORK TIMES: You have to work to get there, right.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Yes. I mean, I saw a grizzly. When we would go out early in the morning, we would -- I mean, you know, we would see these kind of brown humps, and they were the grizzly, and they would be leaning over drinking in the stream, and, you know, then we wouldn't

get any closer.

But the moose, so I'm going -- you know, so we're hiking up this trail, and we turn up, you know, on a slight little bend, and there is a huge moose.

NEW YORK TIMES: So you have seen moose?

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Oh, I mean, like --

NEW YORK TIMES: You've seen many a moose, okay.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: -- between you and me, Mark, I mean, not that far from where I saw it.

NEW YORK TIMES: Do you -- see, if I were Barbara Walters, now I would ask you if you saw yourself more as a mother moose or a mother grizzly? And I'm not Barbara Walters, so you don't have to answer it.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: I never thought about it.

NEW YORK TIMES: It's the kind of thing that if you were --

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: She made a lot of money asking those questions.

THE BLIND DATE

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: No, and okay, so from where I stand, and I look out -- you know, first of all, it's wonderful like being in Hanover yesterday, and being in that beautiful grove filled with people, and so many of them so young and thinking, as I sort of just said to them, first time I went to Dartmouth was on a blind date. You know, so --

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON:

No, the only good thing that happened when I went to that conference (at Dartmouth) is that I met this young man who was really charming, and he was a photographer and he was just great. And I had a roommate -- and he was very tall -- and I had a roommate who was very tall. And so he said, "Well, can I come down to Wellesley and see you sometime?" I said, sure. Sure.

And we had a system at Wellesley where -- this is ancient history -- but you would show up and there was a desk and they had bells. And one bell was you had a female visitor, two bells was a male visitor. So we got the

two bells, and I knew it was the guy, because he told me he was coming.

So I said to my roommate, I said, "Oh my God, I'm so -- and I've got so much to do. Will you go down and keep the guy company?" And it was like magic.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: So this is a serious point on that. Anyway, they got married. They've been married for, you know, 50 years or something.

NEW YORK TIMES: Really?

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Literally. I just knew it. It was one of those things where when I met him, he was artistic and he was kind of poetic and in those days, you know, you were choosing between anguished young men over art and anguished young men over Vietnam, and those were the choices.

NEW YORK TIMES: Right.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And he was anguished over art and all that came with it.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And, in fact their daughter, one of their daughters came to my fundraiser in Philadelphia. I love these stories.

MENTAL HEALTH

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: So the -- you know, I talk a lot about mental health and substance abuse. And I'm doing it because of what people have talked to me about. And I say that, especially in the small groups that I'm speaking to.

I said, you know, three months ago, when I decided, okay, I'm going to do this, I did not think I'd talk about substance abuse and mental health. And then people started talking to me about it.

I had a meeting with some of the youngest, brightest tech minds, and there was a woman there who -- and there were several people there. They started health programs online. And this woman said to me, she said, "One of the biggest trends will be how to undo the damage that the Internet has caused young people."

NEW YORK TIMES: That's interesting.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: The insidious, pernicious comparisons, the desire to put on an identity before it's ever formed.

And I've talked to college administrators who have told me that they have such an increase in depression, anxiety, panic, just disconnectedness. And it is related to this online life before you're ready.

And I spoke at the American Academy of Pediatrics last fall sometime. They just came out with a very strong recommendation, do not let a child under two watch TV, do not give a screen to a child under two.

FEELING BETTER PREPARED

NEW YORK TIMES: Im curious to know whether it's actually easier to do this having lost before.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: You know, I don't know if it's just having lost or being older. (Laughter.) And being more -- more just centered about everything, to be, you know, shorthanding it.

I do think having lost was for me an incredible forced learning

experience
about so much. Moving, you know, immediately into the Secretary
of State
job, which was all consuming and gave me a whole different set
of
experiences, becoming a grandmother. I mean, there are all
these
milestones over the last seven, eight years that I feel have
better
prepared me for this campaign.

And I have no doubt that I would be a better president.

"RELATING"

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And we know -- I mean, look, we've just
been
talking about how do you relate to people in today's political
environment? And a lot of it is, you know, the one-liners, the
Instagram
photo, whatever, the personal stories and all of that.

I don't discount that, I mean, because you're giving people a
chance to
sort of find in you something that they can connect with. And,
you know,
I've historically done it more on -- you know, I have a fought
for better
education. So a teacher will say, "You know, you're my kind of
person
because I want better education for my students." Or substance

abuse or
whatever.

So I've more traditionally done it through issues and then built connections. Like when I ran for the Senate -- this campaign, to me, is much more like my first Senate race than my '08 presidential race.

NEW YORK TIMES: Interesting.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Because I had to introduce myself to the people of New York apart from being the First Lady of the United States of America.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And it was really hard. And it was slow going and it was bumpy and, you know, I got up every day. And I didn't have -- I had never lived in New York, so I couldn't talk about how this -- I mean, I had been a lifelong Yankees fan, which caused a lot of -- yeah --

NEW YORK TIMES: (Inaudible, mumbles.)

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Yeah, a lot of flashback on that. So I had to connect with people around things they cared about that I also cared

about.

So traveling around Upstate New York, small towns, dying industrial cities, farms, you know, what could I do to help?

And over that campaign, which was a -- you know, was an up and down roller

coaster, I was able to do that. And it wasn't because I stood up and said,

"You know, I'm like you." Or, you know, "I come from a middle-class

family. I have the same, you know, concerns you did. I had to borrow

money to go to law school." I didn't do that in that campaign.

Fast forward, I'm trying to both simultaneously now. I am trying to both

connect with people on a level of, you know, fighting for them, being their

champion, never quitting on the, which is something I don't do, and letting

them know more about me.

"NORMAL PERSON"

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Yeah, well, see, that's what I've learned. I have

to -- you know, for me, it is -

I've always felt like just a normal person. I've always --

yeah, did I
work hard all my life? Did I, you know, fall in love with a guy
who had
the greatest political skills ever and become President of the
United
States? Yeah. I raised my daughter.

You know, so for me, yeah, it is a difference of, you know,
degree rather
than just this "sui generis" experience. And so I'm always
amazed -- it's
like, you know, it's like in US Weekly, celebrities are just
like you.
They go to the grocery store, they put gas in their car, they
take their
dogs for a walk.

NEW YORK TIMES: And they don't look as good in these
pictures, either.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And I was always, like, well, yeah,
they're
people. But I realize that the celebrity culture, principally
entertainment, but also to an extent in politics, is a way
people are
desperate to get information to feel like they know something
about you.

NEW YORK TIMES: Exactly.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And you can't resist it to the extent

-- I've
always found it to be --

NEW YORK TIMES: Or control it.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Or control it. I always found it to be,
you know,
just bewildering. Like, really? Well, why do people want to
know that?

And I get it much more now.

Running as a Woman

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: Well, I've thought it through, and I do
get it.

Here's my dilemma -- and this is the thing that, you know,
we've talked

about. Because there's a huge amount of research now -- when I
ran the

last time as a woman, the research was pretty clear that there
was a

resistance to a woman President not just among Republicans and
Independents, but among Democrats -- like I can't remember the
exact

numbers, but it was better 15 and 20 percent who said they
wouldn't vote

for a woman. They didn't think a woman was qualified, could do
the job,

didn't see a woman as Commander in Chief.

And part of my dilemma in that campaign was how do I deal with

this? If,
you know, I mean, I'm damned if I do, I'm damned if I don't. If
I am too,
like, you know, take charge, I can do this job, I understand
this job, and
here's what I will do for you, that doesn't necessarily attract
people who
are excited about the idea of the first woman President because
it may be a
little off-putting.

If I'm, quote, unplugged, if I am so tired and a woman asks me
in New
Hampshire, "How do you do this?"

NEW YORK TIMES: Portsmouth.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: And I get tears in my eyes, then people
think
it's, you know, contrived, but women love it. And I have no
reason to have
known that, but --

....

So what I'm finding now is slightly different. And maybe it's
because I
did run and I did come close and so people have kind of
pocketed that. And
maybe it's because I did serve as Secretary of State. So it's
interesting,

when I was introduced in Hannover yesterday, a woman who had supported President Obama introduced me. And she basically said, "You know, last time we wondered about her experience." The old meme came back.

So I'm trying to do something nobody's ever done before, and I think I'm doing it better now, but I think an unplugged woman candidate --

NEW YORK TIMES: It's maybe a little --

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: It's really hard -- hard --

NEW YORK TIMES: That's interesting.

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: -- to deal with. And so, you know, I'm trying to --

NEW YORK TIMES: (Inaudible, crosstalk.)

SEC. HILLARY CLINTON: -- I'm trying to expose more of myself. You know, yesterday I started off saying the first time I went to (inaudible) was a blind date, you know, and big laugh about that and all the rest of it.

They think, oh my God, she went on blind dates. I've gone on

blind dates.

So, you know, but I don't think I have as much leeway. And it's very subtle, Mark.

It's very subtle. And so I'm trying to let people into my life, I'm trying to relate to people -- not relate to them, you know, talk about being a grandmother --

Talk about, you know, the experiences I had growing up and all that. Talk about my own mother. And in that way, kind of make connections.

But for a woman seriously running for President, if -- you know, you can take either extreme.

I'm not the kind of person who just sort of, lets it go, but for me, I'm much more relaxed. I'm having a much better time.

On Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 10:31 PM, Jennifer Palmieri <jpalmieri@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Shit. I am sorry. Can you resend? I screwed this up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 7, 2015, at 10:30 PM, Leibovich, Mark

<leibovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

i wanted the option to use all -- and you could veto what you didn't want.

That's why i selected the 5 or 6 I sent to you...The moose is good, but I'd

really love to use the other things i sent, too. They were all on point.

Sorry for mis-communicate here, but do you you think you can check?

On Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 10:28 PM, Jennifer Palmieri <jpalmieri@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Uh, I thought you told me that you wanted us to pick.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 7, 2015, at 9:51 PM, Mark Leibovich

<leibovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

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> So, just the moose (sans Palin), and none of the other stuff I sent you?

> The last 2 questions, I don't believe, I asked to use....

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>> On Jul 7, 2015, at 9:31 PM, Jennifer Palmieri <jpalmieri@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

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>> My apologies for the delay. I finally had to get her in person.

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>> Fine to use the moose, but appreciate leaving the mention of Sarah Palin out.

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>> From last two questions, fine to use everything from the paragraph

>> starting "and to get serious for just a minute..." till the end of the

>> interview as on the record - with the exception of this passage which

>> I ask you leave out: "and gay rights has moved much faster than

>> women's rights or civil rights, which is an interesting phenomenon

>> somebody in the future will unpack."

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>> Let me know if that is not clear. Working from an iPhone on the plane

>> so am not able to access the transcript to cut and paste. If helpful,

>> we can do that when we land.

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>> Pleasure doing business!

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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