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Emails show Clinton staff asked NFL for help spinning her concussion, the State Department blacked out its list of Hillary's 'achievements' and Madame Secretary couldn't find 'Homeland' on her TV

- Clinton needed help finding Showtime on her cable box so she could watch the terror-drama 'Homeland' a month after the Benghazi terror attacks
- State Department censored the four-item list of [Hillary's](#) 'achievements,' determining the public can't see it
- She carped about having 'a cracked head' after her late 2012 concussion
- A top aide reached out to the NFL for help spinning commentators who thought she was faking her injury to avoid a congressional hearing

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Hillary Clinton needed help finding the Showtime network on her cable box – so she could watch 'Homeland' – according to an email the State Department released Monday.

Her chief communications guru asked National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell for help spinning the press on the dangers of her December 2012 concussion, according to another message.

The State Department completely censored a third, which appeared to consist of a bullet-pointed list of four Clinton 'accomplishments' as secretary of state, determining it wasn't fit for disclosure under the Freedom Of Information Act's guidelines.



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'HAVING A CRACKED HEAD IS NO FUN AT ALL': Hillary Clinton praised an aide for reaching out to the National Football league for tips on how to deal with fallout from her concussion

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

From: H
 Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 02:47 PM
 To: 'preines' [redacted]
 Subject: Stupid question

Hey, I need some help:

Do you know what channel on the TV in DC is the program listing? And, specifically, what channel number is Showtime?

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

From: Evergreen
 To: PIR
 Subject: Re: Stupid question
 Sent: Oct 7, 2012 2:53 PM

Because I want to watch "Homeland".

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

From: PIR [mailto:preines@redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 03:51 PM
To: H
Subject: Re: Stupid question

If you have Comcast, it's channel 339 or 340 (one is HD and one isn't)

If you don't have Comcast, I can look it up

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

From: Evergreen
To: PIR
Subject: Re: Stupid question
Sent: Oct 7, 2012 3:53 PM

You won't be surprised to hear I'm not sure.

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'I WANT TO WATCH "HOMELAND"': The then-secretary of state had to ask an underling how to find Showtime on her TV so she could watch the terrorism drama, a month after the deadly Benghazi attacks



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HILLARY'S BINGE-WATCHING: In the episode of 'Homeland' that Clinton wanted to find on her TV, the CIA green-lights a raid to capture a terrorist in Beirut, Lebanon

Monday's batch of released emails consumed more than 7,800 pages, mostly from 2012 and 2013. In all, 328 of the emails were deemed 'classified,' including 1 marked 'secret.'

That brings to 999 the total number of now-classified emails that once resided on Hillary's unsecured home-brew server at her upstate New York home.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus mocked her on Monday, saying that number suggests she 'jeopardized our national security and has tried to mislead the American people.'

'Hillary Clinton's compromise of so much sensitive information for the sake of skirting government transparency laws is an irreparable breach of the public trust and shows why she cannot be trusted in the White House,' Priebus said in a statement.

But the State Department crowed about making several telephone books' worth of new documents available online.

'This is our largest production to date,' agency spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said during a press briefing a few hours before the email messages began their steady upload onto the State Department's [website](#).

Buried among diplomatic minutiae and hundreds of emails showing Hillary asking her staff to 'pls print' news articles, one Sunday afternoon exchange paints her as a senior citizen befuddled by her cable TV box.











'Do you know what channel on the TV in DC is the program listing?' she asked her close communications aide Philippe Reines in an email headed 'stupid question.'

'And, specifically, what channel number is Showtime?'

Six minutes later, she primed the pump: 'Because I want to watch "Homeland".'

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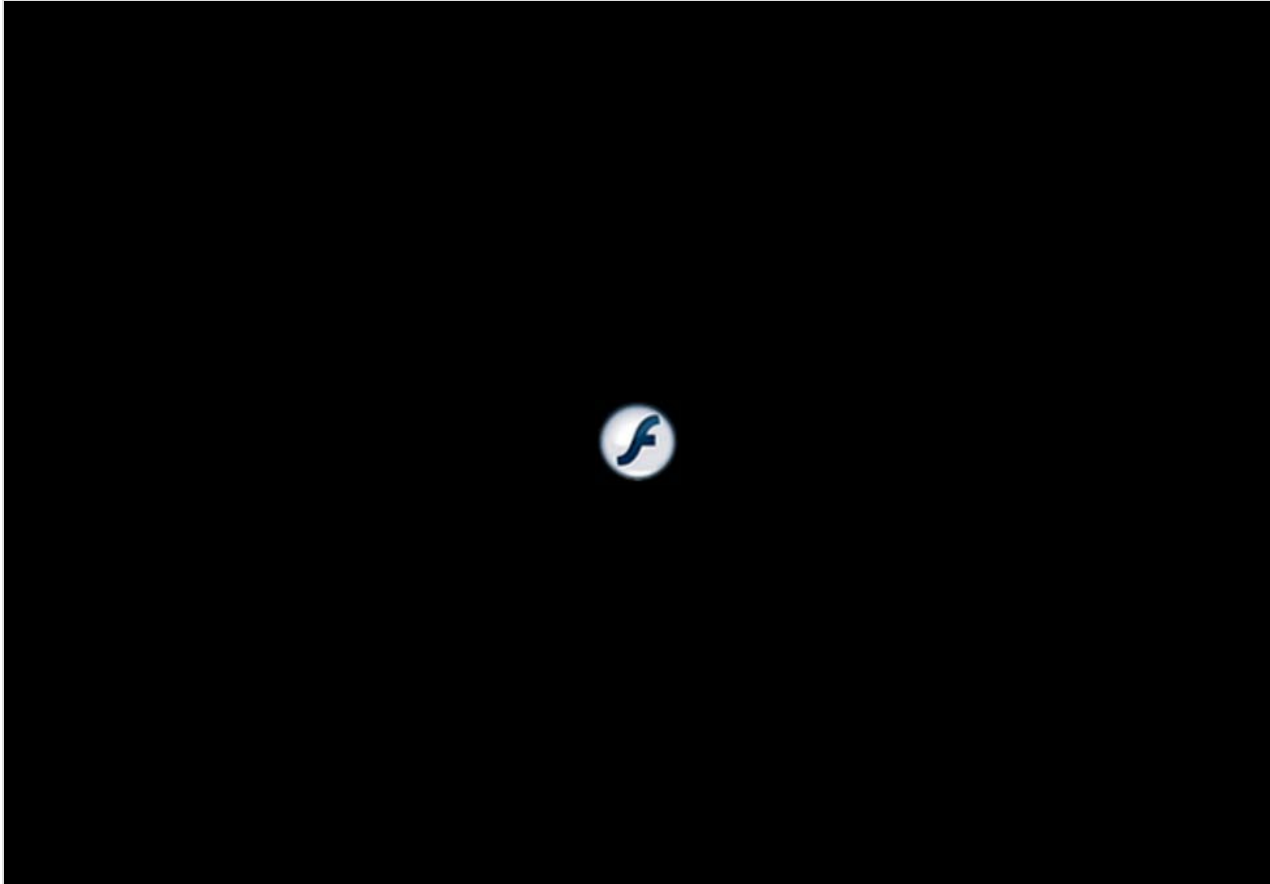
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PROXY FOR BENGHAZI ATTACKERS? Hillary watched 'Homeland' fictional character Abu Nazir as he was snatched and grabbed by CIA operatives

The date was October 7, 2012, when Showtime aired its second episode after the September 11 terror attacks in Benghazi, Libya that claimed the lives of an American ambassador and three other U.S. personnel.

The episode concerned terror threats in Beirut, Lebanon, a city that the producers depicted as a haven for Islamist bombers.

In the action, a CIA-sanctioned raid to capture a terrorist plays out on TV sets in a situation room – a scenario Clinton had watched 17 months earlier when U.S. Navy SEALs killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

But Clinton needed help finding the broadcast facsimile on her television set.

'If you have Comcast, it's channel 339 or 340 (one is HD and one isn't),' Reines wrote her an hour later. 'If you don't have Comcast, I can look it up.'

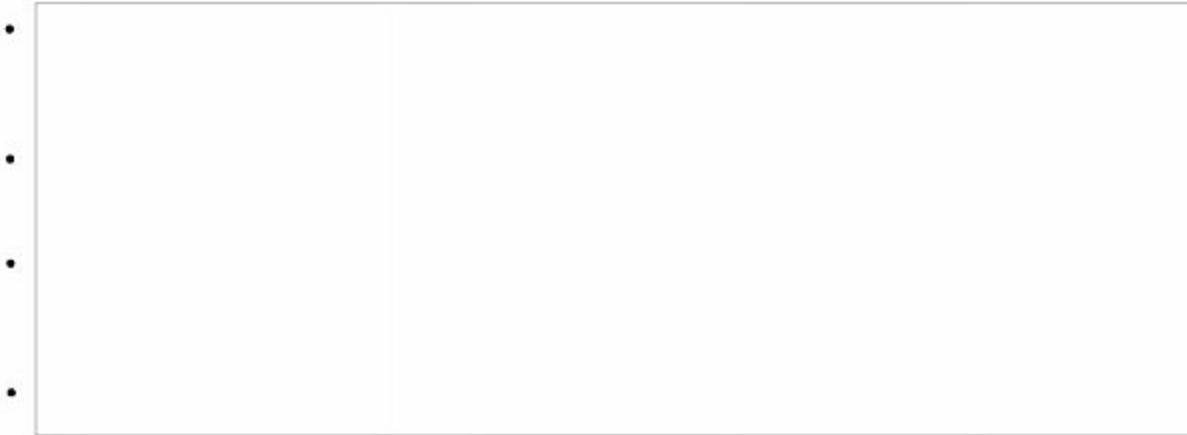
That wasn't good enough for Hillary.

'You won't be surprised to hear I'm not sure,' the confused cabinet secretary said, months before a spill would result in a concussion.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:24 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Achievements

From: Reines, Philippe I
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 11:37 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Achievements



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NO ONE KNOWS: The State Department censored a list of Clinton's four 'achievements' written as she prepared to leave office in January 2013



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MUSIC TO HER EARS: Republican presidential contender Carly Fiorina has become fond of mocking Clinton for failing to accomplish much as America's top diplomat other than racking up aircraft miles



A later exchange about the injury came on Christmas Eve that year, as she prepared to hand over the reins to John Kerry.

'Having a cracked head is no fun at all,' Hillary emailed Reines.

'Speaking of your cracked head,' he replied, 'I reached out to both the Nfl commish (I remembered that his dad held your Senate seat) and Bill Frist. Frist responded wonderfully and is ready to help.'

Frist, a former Tennessee senator who served as U.S. Senate Majority Leader until 2007, is a Clinton-friendly Republican and a medical doctor.

The NFL, under commissioned Roger Goodell, has endured years of public-relations setbacks as former players have died early or revealed traumatic brain injuries that they have said were a result of playing American football.

After Clinton assured Reines that she was 'ok in the doctor department for now,' he made his intentions clear.

'Sorry, didn't mean medically. Wouldn't ever do that,' Reines wrote. 'I meant I enlisted their help in my ongoing efforts to undermine the John Boltons and Laura Ingraham's of the world who are belittling your health.'

Clinton responded five minutes later: 'That makes a lot of sense. As always, thanks for defending me, my friend.'

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

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]

Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 07:59 AM

To: Reines, Philippe I

Subject: Re: Statement

And I miss you too! Having a cracked head is no fun at all.

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

From: Reines, Philippe I [mailto:reinesp@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 08:41 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: H
Subject: Re: Statement

Just sent. And speaking of your cracked head, I reached out to both the Nfl commish (I remembered that his dad held your Senate seat) and Bill Frist. Frist responded wonderfully and is ready to help.

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

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 09:38 AM
To: Reines, Philippe I
Subject: Re: Statement

Thanks for the outreach, but I'm ok in the doctor department for now.

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

From: Reines, Philippe I [mailto:reinesp@state.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 09:45 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: H
Subject: Re: Statement

Sorry, didn't mean medically. Wouldn't ever do that.

I meant I enlisted their help in my ongoing efforts to undermine the John Boltons and Laura Ingraham's of the world who are belittling your health. I sent Ingraham a long note. Crafting one to Bolton now. Don't worry, no profanity. Not that kind of note. Just not letting these comments stand, no matter who says them.

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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 24, 2012 9:50 AM
To: 'reinesp@state.gov'
Subject: Re: Statement

That makes a lot of sense. As always, thanks for defending me, my friend.

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CHRISTMAS EVE FOOTBALL: Hillary's communications guru said he reached out to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for help combating conservatives who thought she might have been faking her concussion



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CHANNEL-WHISPERER? Philippe Reines, shown emailing in his State Department office, was among Clinton's most trusted advisers

Bolton, Ingraham and other commentators leapt to criticize Clinton as her concussion forced what conservatives saw as a too-convenient postponement of her first congressional testimony about the Benghazi attacks three months earlier.

Ingraham in particular suggested she was faking her injury in order to avoid an intense grilling on Capitol Hill.

A month later, as Clinton transitioned out of her role as America's top diplomat, her senior staff put together a list of four 'achievements' to keep in mind.

Reines sent a draft to then-chief of staff Cheryl Mills and her deputy, Jake Sullivan. Mills forwarded it to Clinton, likely for her approval.

Although the email's contents are unclassified, the State Department's reviewers chose to redact, or censor, the 'achievements' list in its entirety.

Askign liberals to articulate Clinton's achievements as secretary of state is a popular Washington, D.C. parlor game among Republicans, who see her as long on identity polics and short on accomplishments.

'If you want to stump a Democrat, ask them to name an accomplishment of Hillary Clinton,' Republican presidential hopeful Carly Fiorina jabbed during a September GOP primary debate.



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[verbier](#), Switzerland, 37 minutes ago

wspaper is not big enough to list all the reasons Hillary should be banished from public life, if not put in prison. but no matter how long the list there are people who will vote for her, simply because of gender

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Washington DC, United States, 40 minutes ago

In't have a concussion. She had a blood clot in her transverse sinus (a blood clot in her brain). It likely caused increased intracranial pressure resulting in swelling of optic nerves leading to the glasses she wore. She took a blood thinner & it resolved. Was NOT a concussion.

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e a disaster if she is elected.....want more of Obama, vote for that liar!



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Liar, as in weapons of mass destruction?


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stly don't even think Obama wants this woman to be president.


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Who in the world care what Obama wants? He has messed this country up so much... I hate him and Hillary is no better!


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 [Resident](#), DC, United States, 17 minutes ago
Pantherlady, this rhetoric has no merit. Ironic to criticize Obama when Bush lied about weapons of mass destruction, created unnecessary war that caused unrest in the region, led this country towards the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, unemployment over 10%, stock market crash, and worst attack on this country in history.


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