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Hillary Clinton 'couldn't recall' answers to FBI questions about secret server because of CONCUSSION - and didn't know what 'classified' markings were, agency reveals

- Clinton was interviewed by the FBI on July 2 but the meeting wasn't tape recorded or conducted under oath
- The only surviving account of the grilling was released Friday by the FBI
- It shows that the former secretary of state claimed she didn't recall ever being trained on how to handle classified information
- She also said she couldn't recall receiving any emails that she thought didn't belong on an unclassified system
- Said she was concussed in 2012 when she was receiving guidance so couldn't remember
- Only worked a 'few hours a day' after head injury
- Also revealed Colin Powell warned her not to let her emails get in to public records
- She used 13 mobile devices – but the FBI wasn't able to acquire ANY
- Stated she didn't know that (C) stood for 'CONFIDENTIAL'
- Trump says statements 'defy belief'
- Speaker Paul Ryan calls her handling of secrets 'downright dangerous'
- Agency recovered 17,448 emails from her server and other sources - none of which she had turned over in the first place
- FBI release the files hours before the Labor Day weekend begins

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Hillary Clinton told the FBI she could not recall answers to some of their questions about her secret server scandal because she had been concussed in 2012.

The extraordinary disclosure was made as the FBI published details of its agents' interview with the former secretary of state which was conducted days before the agency's director ruled out any charges against her.

Agents noted that Clinton could not recall being trained to handle classified materials as secretary of state, and had no memory of anyone raising concerns about the sensitive information she received at her private address.

The Democratic presidential nominee also 'did not recall receiving any emails she thought should not be on an unclassified system,' the FBI's report declared.

She did not recall all of the briefings she received on handling sensitive information as she made the transition from her post as secretary of state, due to a concussion she suffered in 2012.

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'CANNOT RECALL': Hillary Clinton appears to have repeatedly deployed a bewildering answer to the FBI's questions in an interview that was not recorded or conducted under oath

The claim will only fuel questions over her underlying health.

The extraordinary defense was revealed in the FBI's account of agents' interview with the Democratic presidential candidate.

'Clinton said she received no instructions or direction regarding the preservation or production of records from (the) State (Department) during the transition out of her role as Secretary of State in 2013,' the FBI files say.

'However, in December of 2012, Clinton suffered a concussion and then around the New Year had a blood clot (in her head).



Clinton leaves New York Presbyterian Hospital accompanied by husband Bill and daughter Chelsea in January 2, 2013. She hadn't been seen in public since Dec. 7 and was receiving treatment for a blood clot

'Based on her doctor's advice, she could only work at State for a few hours a day and could not recall every briefing she received,' the report said.

According to the report, Clinton told the FBI that she did not set up a private email server to sidestep the law requiring her to keep her business communications a matter of public record.

Clinton has claimed it was public knowledge to many State Department employees that she was using a private server because they received emails from her email domain.

But State Department employees interviewed by the FBI said many emails from Clinton appeared to be from 'H' and did not show her private email domain.

The documents also show that Clinton contacted former Secretary of State Colin Powell in 2009 to ask about his use of a personal BlackBerry phone.

In his reply to Clinton via email, Powell told Clinton to 'be very careful' because the work-related emails she sent on her BlackBerry could become public record.

'I got around it all by not saying much and not using systems that captured the data,' Powell said.

And the FBI files also showed how she passed the buck to her former State Department underlings, saying she relied on their judgment when deciding what was and wasn't appropriate to send through her homebrew private email server while she was America's top diplomat.

'She relied on State [Department] officials to use their judgment when emailing her and could not recall anyone raising concerns with her regarding the sensitivity of the information she received at her email address,' the FBI's account reads.



Key verdict: James Comey, the FBI director, ruled that Clinton should not be charged



Keep it out of public records: Powell told Clinton to 'be very careful' because the work-related emails she sent on her BlackBerry could become public record, she revealed

Clinton told investigators she was unfamiliar even with basic markings of confidential materials, such as the (C) markings that denote confidential material portions of emails.

Clinton 'stated she did not know what the (C) meant at the beginnings of the paragraphs and speculated it was referencing paragraphs marked in alphabetical order,' according to the documents.

The FBI documents state that on February 9, 2016, the Justice Department asked Clinton's lawyers at Williams & Connelly to turn over the 13 mobile devices she used over the time period.

The lawyers couldn't locate any of them, and the FBI was 'unable to acquire or forensically examine any of these 13 mobile devices.'

The agency also recounts the improvised way Clinton's private email server came into creation.

Initially, aide Justin Cooper contacted Apple and had a company tech install a server in the basement of the Clinton's Chappaqua home in 2008. The FBI wasn't able to obtain records of the installation from either party.

By 2009, a decision was made to switch to another server because the first was 'antiquated.' Campaign aide Brian Pagliano was brought in for upgrades using leftover equipment from Clinton's presidential campaign.

The original Apple server 'was repurposed to serve as a personal computer for household staff.'

C. (U//~~FOUO~~) Cyber Targeting of Clinton's Personal E-mail and Associated Accounts

(S//~~OC/NF~~) Investigation identified multiple occurrences of phishing and/or spear-phishing e-mails sent to Clinton's account during her tenure as Secretary of State.⁵⁴⁷ [redacted]

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(S//~~OC/NF~~) Clinton received another phishing e-mail, purportedly sent from the personal e-mail account of a State official [redacted]. The e-mail contained a potentially malicious link.⁵⁵² Clinton replied to the e-mail [redacted] stating, "Is this really from you? I was worried about opening it!"⁵⁵³ [redacted] In a separate incident [redacted] Abedin sent an e-mail to [redacted] indicating Clinton was

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⁵⁴⁶ (U//~~FOUO~~) Apple iCloud is a cloud storage medium available to users of Apple products. Clinton is known to have used Apple iPads during the course of her tenure, and ldr22@clintonemail.com was likely used as her AppleID to set up a new Apple device.

⁵⁴⁷ (U//~~FOUO~~) While the NYT article did not reveal Clinton's e-mail address—and by default the domain name—it is very likely those who tried to gain access to the related Apple iCloud account searched for and found the e-mail address in open sources. News articles from 2013 contained a screenshot of Blumenthal's communication with "ldr22," thereby divulging Clinton's e-mail alias. Other outlets mentioned the domain name in articles but withheld Clinton's e-mail alias. Clinton's full e-mail address could therefore have been ascertained through piecing together various sources.

⁵⁴⁸ (U) Penetration testing, more commonly known as pentesting, is the practice of testing a computer system, network, or web application to find vulnerabilities that an attacker could exploit.

⁵⁴⁹ (U//~~FOUO~~) The third iPad the FBI obtained was not actually used by Clinton. Shortly after it was purchased, it was given as a gift to a member of her staff, and therefore the FBI did not forensically examine the device.

⁵⁵⁰ (U) RAT is a piece of software that facilitates remote operation of a computer system.

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worried "someone [was] hacking into her email" given that she received an e-mail from a known [redacted] associate containing a link to a website with pornographic material.⁵⁵⁴ There is no additional information as to why Clinton was concerned about someone hacking into her e-mail account, or if the specific link referenced by Abedin was used as a vector to infect Clinton's device [redacted]

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'IS THIS REALLY FROM YOU?' Clinton feared a potential email scam when a known associate sent a link to a web site with porn material, according to the FBI report

(U//FOUO) CLINTON stated she received no instructions or direction regarding the preservation or production of records from State during the transition out of her role as Secretary of State in early 2013. However, in December of 2012, CLINTON suffered a concussion and then around the New Year had a blood clot. Based on her doctor's advice, she could only work at State for a few hours a day and could not recall every briefing she received. CLINTON did not have any discussions with aides about turning over her email records, nor did anyone from State request them. She believed her work-related emails were captured by her practice of sending email to the state.gov email addresses of her staff. CLINTON was unaware of the requirement to turn over printed records at that time. Her physical records were boxed up and handled by aides.

(U//FOUO) After reviewing an email dated December 11, 2012 with the subject line "FW: Significant FOIA Report," CLINTON stated she did not recall the specific request and was not aware of receiving any FOIA requests for information related to her email during her tenure as Secretary of State. State had a FOIA department and CLINTON relied on the professionals in that department to address FOIA matters.

Clinton could only work at State for 'a few hours a day' after hitting her head and suffering a concussion during a fall. She 'could not recall every briefing she received'

(U//FOUO) When asked about the e-mail chain containing "(C)" portion markings that State determined to currently contain CONFIDENTIAL information, Clinton stated she did not know what the "(C)" meant at the beginning of the paragraphs and speculated it was referencing paragraphs marked in alphabetical order.^{ddd,392} Clinton identified a "CONFIDENTIAL" header and footer (inserted in the document by the FBI prior to the interview) and asked if the "(C)" related to the "CONFIDENTIAL" header and footer.³⁹³ Clinton did not believe the content of the e-mail was classified and questioned the classification determination.³⁹⁴ When asked of her knowledge regarding TOP SECRET, SECRET, and CONFIDENTIAL classification levels of USG information, Clinton responded that she did not pay attention to the "level" of classification and took all classified information seriously.³⁹⁵

LETTER OF THE LAW: Clinton stated that she 'did not know' that '(C)' stood for 'CONFIDENTIAL' in classification markings



WHICH ONE IS THIS? Clinton had no fewer than 13 wireless devices, it was revealed – but the FBI wasn't able to acquire any of them as part of its investigation



Republican Donald Trump, who participated in a roundtable discussion Friday, said Clinton's answers 'defy belief'

Eventually a third party, Platte River Networks of Denver, was brought in to manage a third server.

The decision to release the information was made earlier this week in response to several Freedom of Information act requests, and amid mounting pressure to explain the decision not to charge Clinton with a crime related to her mishandling of classified documents.

A written account of the interview, which was neither tape recorded or conducted under oath, was made by agents afterwards and informed FBI Director James Comey's decision not to recommend a Department of Justice prosecution.

The FBI said in a statement Friday that it edited portions of it in accordance with FOIA laws.

'Appropriate redactions have been made for classified information or other material exempt from disclosure,' the agency said.

The FBI provided some portions of its investigative file to members of Congress in August.

The FBI notes disclose: 'Clinton did not recall receiving any emails she thought she should not be on an unclassified system.

'She relied on State official to use their judgment when emailing her and could not recall anyone raising concerns with her regarding the sensitivity of the information she received at her email address.'

The notes also revealed how Clinton said that she simply did not know what markings which told her material was classified were.

The (C) markings were found in several emails on her secret server after an FBI forensic search.

'Clinton stated she did not know and could only speculate it was referencing paragraphs marked in alphabetical order,' the FBI notes said.

Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan issued a statement saying the documents show Clinton's 'reckless and downright dangerous handling of classified information.'

'They also cast further doubt on the Justice Department's decision to avoid prosecuting what is a clear violation of the law,' Ryan said. 'This is exactly why I have called for her to be denied access to classified information.'

Clinton told investigators that she directed her aides in early 2009 to create a private email account and that it was 'a matter of convenience' for it to be moved onto a system maintained by her husband's staff.

She told investigators that 'everyone at State knew she had a private email address because it was displayed to anyone with whom she exchanged emails,' according to a summary of the July 2 interview released Friday.

Clinton said that when top staff received an email, the recipient would evaluate whether the information should be forwarded to her, but that no one at the State Department raised concerns about her using a private email account or server and said no one on her staff 'ever expressed a concern regarding the sensitivity of the content of these emails.'

Another passage states that the FBI 'found that 17,448 emails were not included in the State Department's release of emails' – meaning they didn't get turned over for review.



20-20 HINDSIGHT: Clinton has expressed regret for her private email server in interviews. But when she spoke to the FBI, she said there were multiple aspects of the email setup she could not recall

Clinton wasn't completely oblivious to computer security. At one point, she received an email from a State employee containing a link with potentially malicious software, according to the FBI. Clinton responded: 'Is this really from you? I was worried about opening it!'

According to the FBI, an aide identified as Abedin – no doubt longtime Clinton aide Huma Abedin – sent an email to an unidentified official stating that Clinton was worried that someone was hacking into her email.

The email was from a known [blank] associate 'containing a link to a website with pornographic material.' In fact, clicking on the link would have sent information to three computers, including one in Russia, according to the documents.

Clinton's GOP rival Donald Trump – who has gone after 'Crooked Hillary' for corruption while also questioning her 'stamina,' released a statement Friday afternoon saying her statements 'defy belief.'

'I was absolutely shocked to see that her answers to the FBI stood in direct contradiction to what she told the American people. After reading these documents, I really don't understand how she was able to get away from prosecution,' said Trump.

'While her use of a single email account was clearly a mistake and she has taken responsibility for it, these materials make clear why the Justice Department believed there was no basis to move forward with this case,' said Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon.

'Clinton's answers either show she is completely incompetent or blatantly lied to the FBI or the public,' said Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus. 'Either way it's clear that, through her own actions, she has disqualified herself from the presidency.'

Clinton didn't have a computer on her desk on the 7th floor of the State Department. She did, according to the FBI, sometimes bring her Blackberry or iPad into a secure area of State's 'Mahogany Row' where such devices are prohibited. Three diplomatic security agents told the FBI that Clinton stored her Blackberry in a desk drawer inside the secure area.

The documents state that Abedin stated that Clinton left the secure area to check her email, sometimes doing so on the agency's 8th floor balcony – which has a sweeping view of the Lincoln Memorial.

CONCUSSION, CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND AWKWARD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRUTH

Questions and conspiracy theories surrounding Hillary Clinton's health that have circulated for years were again raised last month.

In early August, a number of right-wing websites shared an old picture of Clinton slipping while walking up a flight of stairs.

The photograph, which was taken of Clinton as she slipped at the top of a staircase in South Carolina on February 24, was falsely being presented as proof the 68-year-old is in poor health.

After the photo surfaced, other 'incidents' from the past were brought to the table, including the time she tripped while getting on a plane in 2012, when she fractured her elbow after slipping over in the White House in 2009, and when she was treated for blood clots in 2012 and 2013.

Clinton also suffered a concussion in 2012 after becoming dehydrated and fainting.

At the time of the incident, a statement from Philippe Reines, deputy assistant secretary of state, said that Clinton had a stomach virus, according to [CNN](#).

Following the concussion, Clinton announced that she would not testify that week before the House of Foreign Affairs Committee on the deadly attack on Benghazi.

While she was not hospitalized for the incident, Clinton was monitored by doctors and worked from home during the week after.



Disclosure: Bill Clinton said in 2014 that his wife's injury 'required six months of very serious work to get over'

A senior State Department official said added that the concussion was 'not severe'.

Bill Clinton, however, said in 2014 that his wife's injury 'required six months of very serious work to get over', according to [ABC News](#).

'They went to all this trouble to say she had staged what was a terrible concussion that required six months of very serious work to get over,' he said, after GOP strategist Karl Rove claimed she never experienced brain damage.

'It's something she never low-balled with the American people, never tired to pretend it didn't happen,' he added.

The truth is that Clinton is on long-term medication for a medical condition.

Clinton revealed last year that she has allergies and hypothyroidism - disorder in which she has an under-active thyroid, and the gland does not produce enough hormones.

As of last year, she was taking antihistamines, vitamin B12 and Coumadin, a blood thinner that controls how blood clots within blood vessels.

She is also currently taking Armour Thyroid to treat her hypothyroidism.

Armour Thyroid is the brand name of a hormone used to treat hypothyroidism as well as prevent types of enlarged thyroid glands and to manage thyroid cancer.

It works by replacing thyroid hormone when one's body doesn't produce enough on its own, according to [Everyday Health](#). It is a natural product made from animal thyroid glands.

Clinton has long insisted she is in good health in an attempt to put an end to the conspiracy theories, and in September 2015 she took the step of releasing a letter from her doctor proving her fitness.

Doctor Lisa Bardack, from New York, detailed the candidate's health history, including previous treatments for concussion, complete family history of heart disease, an analysis of blood clots, and a thyroid gland examination, according to the New York Post.

Doctor Bardack found Clinton's cancer screening tests were normal, as were her electrocardiogram and her blood lipids.



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