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 Washington, D.C. 20535

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 WASHINGTON, DC 20024

FOIPA Request No.: 1391365-000  
 Civil Action No.: 18-cv-154  
 Subject: Communications between Peter Strzok and  
 Lisa Page (February 1, 2015 – Present)

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings with indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

| <b>Section 552</b>                         |   | <b>Section 552a</b>             |
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| <u>Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e)</u>               | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(D)            | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(2) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b)(6) |   | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(7) |

500 pages of potentially responsive records were reviewed.  
 116 pages are being released in whole or in part.  
 17 pages are being withheld in full per exemptions.  
 196 pages are being withheld duplicate.  
 44 pages are being withheld referral/consult.  
 44 pages are being withheld under seal.  
 83 pages were determined to be non-records/non-responsive to the FOIA request.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.
- In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

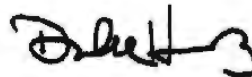
You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Please direct any further inquiries about this case to the Assistant United States Attorney representing the Government in this matter. Please use the FOIPA Request Number and/or Civil Action Number in all correspondence or inquiries concerning your request.

You may direct any further inquiries to the attorney representing the Government in this matter.

- See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of Bates Stamped documents, FBI(18-cv-154)-6536 through FBI(18-cv-154)-7035. The enclosed documents represent the fifteenth interim release of information responsive to your request.

The FBI conducted email searches for any email communication between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page. This search located both official government records and non-record personal communications between these two individuals.

The FBI reviewed 500 pages of these emails. While conducting this review, the FBI individually analyzed the emails to determine whether they pertained to official government business constituting records under the FOIA or whether they consisted of purely personal communications between the two individuals. As a result of the FBI's review, it determined 83 pages were non-record, personal communications not subject to the FOIA; and 417 pages consisted of responsive FBI records.

As previously indicated, document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning another agency (ies). We are consulting with the other agency (ies) and are awaiting their response. Our office has processed all other information currently in our possession. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)  
 DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET  
 FOIA Request No.:1391365-000 Civil  
 Action No.: 18-cv-154

Total Withheld Page(s) = 384

| Bates Page Reference                          | Reason for Withholding<br>(i.e., exemptions with coded rationale, duplicate, sealed by order of court, etc.) |
|---|--|
| FBI(18-cv-154)- 6536 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6619 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6446 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6529  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)- 6621                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6626 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6628  | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6629                           | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6630   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6632                           | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6633   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6633                           | Referral/Consult   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6034 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6039  | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-1810 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-1811  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6645                           | b5 -1, 3   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6646 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6048  | b5 -1  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6649 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6657  | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6640 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6648  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6659 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6702  | Other- Under Seal  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6703                           | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6704   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6705                           | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6706 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6719  | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6720 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6733  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6720 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6733  | Referral/Consult   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6734 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6737  | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6739 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6743  | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6744 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6748  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6744 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6748  | Referral/Consult   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6754 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6757  | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6750 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6753  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6758                           | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6759 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6760  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6766 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6771  | Referral/Consult   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6772 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6777  | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6766 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6771  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6786 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6787  | Referral/Consult   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6788 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6789  | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6790                           | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-1830   |

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| FBI(18-cv-154)-6791 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6795 | Referral/Consult  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6802 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6805 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6808                          | b5- 1; b6- 1; b7C-1; b7E- 4, 7, 12                        |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6811 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6814 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6818                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6820 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6824 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6828 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6833 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6837 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6853 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6854 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6855 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6856 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6857 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6858 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6862 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6865                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6866                          | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-1893                          |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6868 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6875 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6876 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6878 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6879 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6881 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6882 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6884 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6885 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6887 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6891 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6892 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6898 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6899 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6904 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6905 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6906 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6910 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6912 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6916 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6911                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6912 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6916 | Referral/Consult  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6917                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6923 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6926 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-1911 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-1914 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6917                          | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6933                          |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6934 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6939 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6940 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6941 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6943 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6944 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-1919                          |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6947 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6948 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6945 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6946 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6951 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6952 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6949 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6950 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6953 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6954 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6956 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6959 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6960 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6963 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6961 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6963 | b5-1  |

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| FBI(18-cv-154)-6966                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6969                          | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6970                          |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6974                          | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6975 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6980 | Referral/Consult  |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6981 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6984 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6977 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6980 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6986 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6989 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-7009 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7012 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6990 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6994 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-7008 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7012 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6995 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6996 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-6997 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-6998 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-6999 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7007 | Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request    |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-7009 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7012 | b5- 1   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-7013 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7017 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-7008 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7012 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-7019 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7022 | b5- 1   |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-7023 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7027 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-7019 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7022 |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-7030                          | b6- 1; b7C- 1; b7E- 6                                     |
| FBI(18-cv-154)-7031 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7032 | Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-7033 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-7034 |

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 3:08 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: DD visit to the bubble

Hey. This is what I was going off of, I didn't think I couldn't mention. Truly, Lis, I do work hard - largely effectively - to keep your confidences confidential. Nonetheless, sorry to let you down. ??

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 05/27/2016 5:08 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]; "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Subject:** DD visit to the bubble

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Not to be outshined by the comfort dogs, Andy would like to visit the team to thank them for all their hard work. Based on his calendar, do you think that 1:30 on next Wednesday (June 1) would work? Let me know. Thanks.

Lisa



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** Accepted: [redacted] and [redacted] visit to SIOC  
**Location:** SIOC lobby

**Start:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:00 AM  
**End:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:30 AM

**Recurrence:** {none}

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

b6 -3  
b7C -3

d\plain\foThank you

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Accepted: Mid Year Exam Update w/Director Comey

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----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 05/31/2016 5:13 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Accepted: Mid Year Exam Update w/Director Comey

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Will do!

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 05/31/2016 4:07 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** Accepted: Mid Year Exam Update w/Director Comey

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thanks [redacted] Would you do me a favor and add [redacted] in OGC to the invites going forward? She has been at all of the meetings and plays a critical role on the team. Thanks, Pete

**Microsoft Outlook**

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**Subject:** Meeting Forward Notification [redacted] and [redacted] visit to SIOC  
**Location:** SIOC lobby

**Start:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:00 AM  
**End:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 9:30 AM

**Recurrence:** {none}

**Organizer:** Microsoft Outlook  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

b6 -3  
b7C -3

**Your meeting was forwarded**

[redacted] (DO) (FBI) has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

*Meeting*

[redacted] and [redacted] visit to SIOC

*Meeting Time*

Thursday, June 2, 2016 9:00 AM-9:30 AM.

b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1, 3

*Recipients*

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

All times listed are in the following time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Sent by Microsoft Exchange Server 2013

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** MYE scrub

**Location:** 4869

**Start:** Friday, June 03, 2016 3:45 PM

**End:** Friday, June 03, 2016 4:45 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI);

(OGC) (FBI)

b6 -1  
b7c -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 5:58 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: PSEU memo approved

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/03/2016 5:55 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: PSEU memo approved

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Awesome.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
W [redacted]  
M [redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 5:35 PM  
**To:** McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]; Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]; Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** PSEU memo approved

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Sir-  
Following up to our recent conversation, CES just called, PSEU approved memo about 45 minutes ago. They (Toscar, CES, and EDVA) are having a conference call tonight [redacted]  
[redacted]

b5 -1

Pete

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ

[redacted] (O)  
[redacted] (C)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** MYE comment walk thru  
**Location:** 4869

**Start:** Monday, June 06, 2016 4:00 PM  
**End:** Monday, June 06, 2016 5:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Required Attendees:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Adding Jim per convo with Lisa

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 6:04 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA  
**Attachments:** FBI to CEG re NDAs 6-7-16 CLEAN Final.docx; Congressional\_from\_\_signing\_no ndisclosure\_agreements\_relative\_to\_the\_in.....pdf; NDA Attachments.pdf

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**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA

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Thanks all for you assistance with this response. Based on my conversation with [redacted] this afternoon, we're going to set this up for Stephen's signature tomorrow. Please note one tweak to the last sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

Best regards,

*Elizabeth R. Beers*

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 7:58 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA

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In process. We got the team to sign a couple weeks ago, but we have to send out an email to those folks who are offsite. We'll do that today.

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**From:** Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 7:51 AM  
**To:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA

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With minor stylistic edits to the first sentence of the second paragraph (see attached), I am fine with this version. We need to make sure the case team has signed the Addendum before Stephen signs the letter.

Trisha

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**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:28 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

**TO:** Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**CC:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA

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I'm hoping that Trisha is back this week – do we need to meet to discuss the DOJ edits?

*Best Regards*

*Elizabeth R. Beers*

[redacted]

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**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 3:16 PM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**CC:** Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA

See DOJ passback on our draft. Reactions?

*Best Regards*

*Elizabeth R. Beers*

[redacted]

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**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**CC:** Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** final draft response to Chairman Grassley re NDA

Per redside email exchange, attached is the final package. I'll provide copies of the signed final when we have it – hopefully later this week.

*Best Regards*

*Elizabeth R. Beers*

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CHARLES H. STASNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 DEBBIE HAYES, TEXAS  
 J. MARK RYAN, ARIZONA  
 LINDSEY O. GRAHAM, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 JOHN CORNYN, TEXAS  
 MICHAEL LEE, NEVADA  
 TERRY L. HIRSH, TEXAS  
 TONY DANZON, ARIZONA  
 PAT SCHIFFER, LOUISIANA  
 SHARPE JOHNSON, GEORGIA  
 THOMAS S. ROBERTSON, TEXAS  
 PAUL CANTRELL, MISSOURI  
 DANIEL H. HOLES, CALIFORNIA  
 CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, CONNECTICUT  
 KEVIN C. CANTWELL, INDIANA  
 CHRISTOPHER MESSERSmith, IOWA  
 MICHAEL B. MONTGOMERY, MISSISSIPPI  
 ALICIA MORTON, MISSISSIPPI  
 ERIC LITVIN, MISSISSIPPI  
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 ROBERT M. CORKER, CONNECTICUT

# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE  
 TO: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

February 4, 2016

## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable James B. Comey, Jr.  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Comey:

According to news reports, the FBI investigation into Secretary Clinton's mishandling of classified information has expanded and now involves potential public corruption, including a "possible intersection of Clinton Foundation donations, [and] the dispensation of State Department contracts and whether regular processes were followed."<sup>1</sup> In addition, news reports indicate that 100 special agents have been tasked to the investigation, with as many as 50 more agents on temporary assignment in support of the investigation. It has been reported that these agents were asked to sign non-disclosure agreements.<sup>2</sup>

However, the Department of Justice (Department) policies and regulations already prescribe rules for Department components—including the FBI—related to the release of information in ongoing civil and criminal cases. In fact, Department components cite those rules when refusing to provide information about ongoing investigations. Accordingly, it is unclear why enforcement of existing policies and procedures would be insufficient, and thus unclear why a separate non-disclosure agreement is needed. Agencies generally require non-disclosure agreements in the aftermath of personnel actions such as those that result in settlement. However, requiring agents to sign specific non-disclosure agreements in order to simply do their jobs and conduct a particular federal investigation appears to be a very different, and unusual procedure.

In any case, non-disclosure agreements employed by the federal government must comply with certain federal laws. As you are aware, the "anti-gag" rider prohibits federal funds

<sup>1</sup> Catherine Herridge and Pamela Browne, "FBI's Clinton probe expands to public corruption track," FoxNews (Jan. 11, 2016). Available at <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/01/11/fbis-clinton-probe-expands-to-public-corruption-track.html>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

from being used to enforce any government non-disclosure policy, form, or agreement that runs afoul of a whistleblower's right to speak with Congress.<sup>3</sup> In 2012, President Obama signed into law the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act (WPEA), which codified this language.<sup>4</sup> A version of this rider had been included in every appropriations act since 1988, but it was inadvertently removed for FY 2014, without the intent of narrowing the provision's application.<sup>5</sup>

During that gap, the Department justified the FBI's use of a non-disclosure agreement that would have violated the rider by citing to the FBI's exemption from the WPEA.<sup>6</sup> However, the rider was restored for FY 2015 and again included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.<sup>7</sup> Further, that Act prohibits an agency from paying the salary of any government employee that interferes with another government employee's right to blow the whistle through lawful channels.<sup>8</sup> These provisions apply government-wide.

As such, *any* non-disclosure agreement, including those discussed in the news reports cited above, may not impose illegal restrictions on the right of government employees to make good faith disclosures of potential wrongdoing. In this case, the appearance of conflicts of interest or undue influence will be likely if political appointees at the Justice Department are involved in prosecutorial decisions related to former Secretary Clinton or her senior aides. Accordingly, in order for the public to have confidence in the integrity of the process, it is even more critical in this instance that employees know that they have the right to report any misconduct in the handling of the case, regardless of any special non-disclosure agreement.

If non-disclosure agreements are being used, they must conform with existing Department policies and regulations, and federal law. As such, it is imperative that the Committee review the text of any non-disclosure agreements in order to assess their compliance with federal whistleblowing law.

Accordingly, please answer the following:

1. Are agents working on the investigation into Secretary Clinton's email server, the potential mishandling of classified information and related matters ("Clinton investigation"), required to sign non-disclosure agreements? If so, who decided to impose that requirement and why?
2. Please provide a copy of the non-disclosure agreement FBI agents were required to sign.
3. Did any agents refuse to sign or raise objections to the agreement? And were any of them prevented from working on the Clinton investigation as a result?

<sup>3</sup> Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113, Div. E, Title VII, § 744 (2015).

<sup>4</sup> Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-199, 126 Stat. 1465 (2012).

<sup>5</sup> See generally Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, Pub. L. No. 113-76 (2014).

<sup>6</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 2302(a)(2)(c)(ii)(1); see also Letter from the Hon. Peter J. Kadzik, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, to Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member, Sen. Comm. on the Judiciary (Nov. 20, 2014).

<sup>7</sup> Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. L. No. 113-235, Div. E, Title VII, § 747 (2014);

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113, Div. E, Title VII, § 744 (2015).

<sup>8</sup> Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113, Div. E, Title VII, § 713 (2015).

4. Is it a general practice of the FBI to require its agents to sign non-disclosure agreements during the course of any investigation? If so, what types of investigations, and why?
5. During your tenure, in how many investigations have FBI agents been required to sign a non-disclosure agreement? Were any such non-disclosure agreements the same as the ones reportedly required in the Clinton investigation? Please provide a representative sample of such a non-disclosure agreement.
6. Does the FBI have a general policy on the use of non-disclosure agreements? If so, please provide a copy of the policy.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request. Please number your responses according to their corresponding questions and respond no later than February 18, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Josh Flynn-Brown or DeLisa Lay of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 6:05 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Petraeus SW unsealed  
**Attachments:** Petraeus Residence SW - Executed (read-through).pdf

Also fysa – not sure if Brill has had the chance to forward up

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 5:47 PM  
**To:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI); Jones, Robert A. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Quinn, Richard F. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Petraeus SW unsealed

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Petraeus SW unsealed today, DOJ will provide to Politico reporter tonight (they were threatening legal action to unseal), anticipate it will hit media later tonight or tomorrow. Doc is substantively similar if not identical to attached. Attached IS NOT approved for release.

Petraeus atty did not request additional redactions from the last version we saw.

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ

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[REDACTED] (C)

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 6:12 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: MYE update 7 June

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 07, 2016 6:12 PM  
**To:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (RO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** MYE update 7 June

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**ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT/DELIBERATIVE PROCESS PRIVILEGED DOCUMENT**

**Bill**

- CES engaged in multiple conversations with Beth Wilkinson concerning the scope and wording of the consent to search the Samuelson and Mills laptops [redacted]

[redacted]

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- CES anticipated [redacted]

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ

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[redacted] (C)

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 1:36 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: WSJ has a story in the works

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/08/2016 1:33 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: WSJ has a story in the works

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FYI. I will get this to [redacted] before the 2pm today

[redacted]  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Assistant Director  
Counterintelligence Division FBIHQ  
Dest [redacted]  
Cell [redacted]

**From:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 1:13 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (NY) (FBI)  
**Subject:** WSJ has a story in the works

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** Statement drafting  
**Location:** 4869  
  
**Start:** Friday, June 10, 2016 9:30 AM  
**End:** Friday, June 10, 2016 11:00 AM  
  
**Recurrence:** {none}  
  
**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI);  
(OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)



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**When:** Jun 10, 2016 9:30:00 AM  
**Where:** 4869

Following up on today's meeting. Jim, completely optional if you'd like to join, just FYSA.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 6:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (FBI); OGC (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Prior reporting

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Bam. From NYT Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Note #, though.

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## Agencies Battle Over What Is ‘Top Secret’ in Hillary Clinton’s Emails

By STEVEN LEE MYERS and MARK MAZZETTI FEB. 5, 2016

WASHINGTON — Some of the nation’s intelligence agencies raised alarms last spring as the State Department began releasing emails from Hillary Clinton’s private server, saying that a number of the messages contained information that should be classified “top secret.”

The diplomats saw things differently and pushed back at the spies.

In the months since, a battle has played out between the State Department and the intelligence agencies — as well as Congress — over what information on Mrs. Clinton’s private server was classified and what was the routine business of American diplomacy, according to government officials and letters obtained by The New York Times.

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The emails are included in seven distinct chains that comprise forwarded messages and replies, and in most cases involved discussions of the C.I.A. drone program, government officials said.

At a Democratic presidential debate in New Hampshire on Thursday night, Mrs. Clinton dismissed the issue, as she has in the past. She said the government was overzealously classifying information after the fact, citing as evidence the State Department's finding that two emails sent to Colin L. Powell's private email account and 10 others sent to the personal accounts of aides to Condoleezza Rice when each served as secretary of state should now be classified years after the fact. It is against the law to have classified information outside a secure government account.

"This just beggars the imagination," Mrs. Clinton said, going on to argue that the issue was merely an extension of Republican criticism over the attack against the American mission and C.I.A. annex in Benghazi, Libya, in 2012.

It remains unknown what exactly the 22 emails contain, given their classification as "top secret," but the officials described them generally, on the condition of anonymity. The officials included people familiar with or involved in the handling of the emails in government agencies and in Congress.

Spokesmen and women for the State Department, the C.I.A. and the intelligence agencies' inspector general declined to comment on the content of the emails.

### **Security Designations**

Some of the emails include material classified at the highest levels, known as Top Secret/S.A.P., according to a letter sent to the Senate on Jan. 14 by the inspector general of the nation's intelligence agencies, I. Charles McCullough III. That designation refers to "special access programs," which are among the government's most closely guarded secrets.

Several officials said that at least one of the emails contained oblique references to C.I.A. operatives. One of the messages has been given a designation of "HCS-O" — indicating that the information was derived from human intelligence sources — a detail that was first reported by Fox News. The officials said that none of the emails mention specific names of C.I.A. officers or the spy agency's sources.

The government officials said that discussions in an email thread about a New York Times article — the officials did not say which article — contained sensitive information about the intelligence surrounding the C.I.A.'s drone activities, particularly in Pakistan.

The officials said that at least one of the 22 emails came from Richard C. Holbrooke, who as the administration's special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan would have been intimately involved in dealing with

the ramifications of drone strikes. Mr. Holbrooke died in December 2010.

Mrs. Clinton's use of a private email server while secretary of state was first disclosed in March, and since then the State Department has slowly released 33,000 emails that Mrs. Clinton and her aides determined were work-related. None of the emails sent through Mrs. Clinton's server were marked as classified, the officials said, and most were written by her aides and forwarded to her. That is also true of the emails forwarded to Mr. Powell and Ms. Rice, which until now have been in the department's unclassified archives.

The handling of classified information on Mrs. Clinton's server is now the subject of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the State Department's security and intelligence bureaus. According to the law and security procedures Mrs. Clinton agreed to follow when she became secretary, such material should not even have been sent over the State Department's official but unclassified [state.gov](http://state.gov) server.

At the same time, the officials said, some of the classifications being sought for the emails fall into a gray area between public knowledge and secrecy. In such instances, the original source of the information — and thus the level of its classification — can be disputed, and has been, vigorously at times, they said. Other emails have been the subject of rigorous debate over what constitutes a secret and what the nation's diplomats can say about intelligence matters as they grapple with international crises.

"While the secretary of state has a duty to protect classified information, as all of us do in a position of trust, here she did not have the benefit of six-plus months of interagency classification reviews," said Representative Adam B. Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. "The same information said by people in two different positions may receive two opposite classification determinations." Though the State Department accepted the C.I.A.'s classification of the 22 emails, it has also sought to challenge accusations that it was negligent in handling secrets.

During the review, the State Department has rebutted claims by at least one intelligence agency that information in some of the emails ought to remain classified.

Some of those include the emails that led Mr. McCullough's office to refer the matter to the Justice Department last summer, prompting the F.B.I.'s investigation. Mr. McCullough made the referral based on an assessment that four of 40 emails that it sampled early on in the process contained "top secret" information.

Now, after months of review, only one of those four turned out to be classified at that level. (The State Department counts that email among the 22 of last week.) A second of the four emails has been downgraded to "confidential," the lowest level of classification. The third was released last fall.

### **Different Sources**

The fourth involved an email sent by Kurt M. Campbell, the assistant secretary of state for Asian affairs, shortly after a North Korean ballistic missile test in July 2009. The email has not yet been made public, even in redacted form, but the State Department has challenged an assertion from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which gathers data through satellite images, that the email included information that came from a highly classified program.

In a letter this past Dec. 15 to Senator Bob Corker, the Tennessee Republican who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a State Department official said that the information could not have been based on N.G.A.'s intelligence because Mr. Campbell did not receive any classified intelligence briefings for what was a new job for him until a few days after the North Korean test.

More broadly, the memo stated, diplomats working at the State Department or in embassies around the world

constantly receive and pass on information from unclassified sources — so-called parallel reporting — that can involve highly classified matters. That can make it difficult to determine with confidence whether information in any single email came from a classified source.

“When policy officials obtain information from open sources, ‘think tanks,’ experts, foreign government officials, or others, the fact that some of the information may also have been available through intelligence channels does not mean that the information is necessarily classified,” the department’s assistant secretary for legislative affairs, Julia Frifield, wrote in the December letter to Mr. Corker.

Another email whose classification has been disputed was dated April 20, 2011, and was among those that prompted members of Congress and Mr. McCullough’s office to begin a review of the State Department’s release of the emails by court order under the Freedom of Information Act.

It was from Tammy T. Davis, an officer in the State Department’s Operations Center, and it conveyed to Mrs. Clinton’s senior staff security concerns in Libya during the war against the country’s leader, Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi.

At the time, J. Christopher Stevens, the future ambassador to the country, was secretly traveling there as an envoy to the opposition leadership and had telephoned the Ops Center, as it is known, to advise it about his situation on the ground.

Mr. Davis sent his message, marked “S.B.U.,” or “sensitive but unclassified” to two of Mrs. Clinton’s closest aides, Huma Abedin and Jacob J. Sullivan, as well as to Alice G. Wells, an executive assistant to Mrs. Clinton who is now the ambassador to Jordan.

At issue were two sentences in the email referring to reports by Africom, the American military command for Africa, describing the movement of Colonel Qaddafi’s forces near the city of Ajdabiya. In a letter on Nov. 24 last year, Ms. Frifield detailed how the information in the email differed significantly from the suspected intelligence source and could well have been based on public briefings given the day before by NATO’s military about the course of the war.

“The conclusion that the information in the email was drawn from that intelligence product is unsubstantiated and on its face wrong, given the differences between the information in the email and the information in the product,” Ms. Frifield wrote.

Even in the case of the drone program, so much information about the strikes has filtered into public view that the C.I.A. did not object to every allusion to it, allowing at least vague references in the emails that the State Department has released so far.

In late October 2009, as she prepared for a trip to Pakistan, Mrs. Clinton asked her aides for good answers to questions she might expect while in the country about Blackwater, the private security company that Pakistanis had long suspected was secretly operating inside the country.

Ms. Abedin responded by email that the aides were working on an “answer sheet” for the tough questions she might get on the thorniest issues about American-Pakistani relations — including Blackwater, the security of Pakistan’s nuclear arsenal, and drones.

“You will have tonite or tomorrow am,” Ms. Abedin wrote.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 6:48 PM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Prior reporting

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In related news, Pete remains always right. :D

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**From:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 6:45 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Prior reporting

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Stress and exhaustion are softening me. What can I say?

----- Original message -----  
**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/08/2016 6:37 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Prior reporting

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Ooh, can I send all this to [redacted]

----- Original message -----  
**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/08/2016 6:36 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Prior reporting

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I'm going to print this email and share it with all your people in CD7. He *does* admit when he's wrong!

I was wrong, too, though. I agreed with Moffa.

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**From:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 6:24 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Prior reporting

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Yep. You were right. I talked to Kendall and he said he remembered it too. I was wrong.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:56 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: WSJ article out

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:55 PM  
**To:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: WSJ article out

Not bad at all. I think we'll be OK. Thanks for all your work on this.

**From:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:54 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: WSJ article out

What do you think?

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:46 PM  
**To:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: WSJ article out

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thx

**From:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:40 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: WSJ article out

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/dinton-emails-in-probe-dealt-with-planned-drone-strikes-1465509863?cb=logged0.3555549664010898>

At the center of a seminal probe involving [Hillary Clinton's](#) handling of classified information is a series of emails between American diplomats in Islamabad and their superiors in Washington about whether to challenge specific drone strikes in Pakistan.

The 2011 and 2012 emails were sent via the "low side"—government slang for a computer system for unclassified matters—as part of a secret arrangement that gave the State Department more of a voice in whether a Central Intelligence Agency drone strike went ahead, according to congressional and law-enforcement officials briefed on the Federal Bureau of Investigation probe.

Some of the emails were then forwarded by Mrs. Clinton's aides to her personal email account, which hosted them in a server she kept at her home in suburban New York when she was secretary of state, the officials said. Investigators have raised concerns that Mrs. Clinton's personal server was less secure than State Department systems.

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Friday, December 23, 2011 10:36 AM  
**To:** Feldman, Daniel F

Subject: RE: (SBU)

Thanks – you good with this

**From:** Feldman, Daniel F  
**Sent:** Friday, December 23, 2011 10:22 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** FW: (SBU)

I'm sure you know already, but just in case.

**From:** Muntz, Cameron P  
**Sent:** Friday, December 23, 2011 10:12 AM  
**To:** Feldman, Daniel F; Ruggiero, Frank J  
**Subject:** (SBU)

Dan, Frank,

Cameron

ENLARGE

A redacted email sent in 2011 by the then-U.S. ambassador to Pakistan and answered by a top aide to Hillary Clinton. The vaguely worded messages didn't mention the CIA, "drone" or details about the military targets officials said.

The still-secret email is a key part of the FBI investigation that has long dogged Mrs. Clinton's campaign, their officials said.

They were written within the often narrow time frame in which State Department officials had to decide whether or not to object to drone strikes from the CIA pulled the trigger, the officials said.

Law-enforcement and intelligence officials said State Department deliberations about the covert CIA drone program should have been conducted over a more secure government computer system designed to handle classified information.

State Department officials told FBI investigators they communicated via the less-secure system on a few instances, according to congressional and law-enforcement officials. It happened when decisions about imminent strikes had to be relayed fast and the U.S. diplomats in Pakistan or Washington didn't have ready access to a more secure system, either because it was night or they were traveling.

Email sent over the low side sometimes was informal discussions that occurred in addition to more formal notifications through secure communications, the officials said.

One such exchange came just before Christmas in 2011, when the U.S. ambassador sent a short, cryptic note to his boss indicating a drone strike was planned. That sparked a back-and-forth among Mrs. Clinton's senior advisers over the next few days in which it was clear they were having the discussions in part because people were away from their offices for the holiday and didn't have access to a classified computer, officials said.

The CIA drone campaign, though widely reported in Pakistan, is treated as secret by the U.S. government. Under strict U.S. classification rules, U.S. officials have been barred from discussing strikes publicly and even privately outside of secure communications systems.

The State Department said in January that 22 emails on Mrs. Clinton's personal server at her home have been judged to contain top-secret information and aren't being publicly released. Many of them dealt with whether diplomats concurred or not with the CIA drone strikes, congressional and law-enforcement officials said.

Several law-enforcement officials said they don't expect any criminal charges to be filed as a result of the investigation, although a final review of the evidence will be made only after an expected FBI interview with Mrs. Clinton in summer.

One reason is that government workers at several agencies, including the departments of Defense, Justice and State, have occasionally resorted to the low-side system to give each other notice about sensitive but fast-moving events, according to one law-enforcement official.

When Mrs. Clinton has been asked about the possibility of being criminally charged over the email issue, she has repeatedly said "that is not going to happen." She has said it was a mistake to use a personal server for work but it was a decision she made as a matter of convenience.

U.S. officials said there is no evidence Pakistani intelligence officials intercepted any of the low-side State Department emails or used them to protect militants.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the agency "is not going to speak in the context of documents, nor would we speak to any ongoing review."

The email issue has dogged Mrs. Clinton for more than a year. Despite her success in getting down the Democratic presidential nomination, polls show many voters continue to doubt her integrity and honesty. Her campaign manager has acknowledged the email matter haunted her.

Republican rival Donald Trump was attacked by Mrs. Clinton repeatedly on the issue, calling her "Covered Hillary" saying what she did was a crime and suggesting the Justice Department should let her off because it is run by Democrats.

Beyond the campaign implications the investigation exposes the latest chapter in a power struggle that pits the enforcers of civil liberty, including the FBI and CIA, against some officials at the State Department and other agencies who want a greater voice in the use of covert tactics around the globe, because of the impact it has on broader U.S. policy goals.

In the case of Pakistan, U.S. diplomats found themselves in a difficult position.

Despite being treated as top secret by the CIA, the drone program has long been in the public domain in Pakistan. Television stations there go it is with reports of each strike, undermining U.S. efforts to foster goodwill and cooperation against militants through billions of dollars in American aid.

Pakistan officials, while publicly opposing the drone program, mostly acquiesced to the CIA campaign by clearing airspace in the militant-dense tribal areas along the Afghan border, according to former U.S. and Pakistani officials.

CIA and White House officials credit a sharp ramp-up in drone strikes early in Mr. Obama's presidency with battering al Qaeda's leadership in the Pakistani tribal areas and helping protect U.S. forces next door in Afghanistan. Targets have also included some of the Pakistan government's militant enemies.

In 2011, Pakistani officials began to push back in private against the drone program, raising questions for the U.S. over the extent to which the program still had their consent.

U.S. diplomats warned the CIA and White House they risked losing access to Pakistan's airspace unless more discretion was shown, and current and former officials within the administration, State Department and military officials argued that the CIA needed to be more "judicious" about when strikes were launched. They weren't challenging the spy agency's overall choice of targets but mainly the timing of strikes.

The CIA initially chafed at the idea of giving the State Department more of a voice in the program. Under a compromise reached around the year 2011, CIA officials would notify their embassy counterparts in Islamabad when a strike in Pakistan was planned, so then-U.S. ambassador Cameron Munter or another senior diplomat could decide whether to "concur" or "non-concur." Mr. Munter declined to comment.

Diplomats in Islamabad would communicate the decision to their superiors in Washington. A main purpose was to give then-Secretary of State Clinton and her top aide a chance to consider whether she wanted to weigh in with the CIA director about a planned strike.

With the compromise, State Department-CIA tensions began to subside. Only once or twice during Mrs. Clinton's tenure at State did U.S. diplomats object to a planned CIA strike, according to congressional and law-enforcement officials familiar with the events.

U.S. diplomats in Pakistan and Washington usually relayed and discussed their concur or non-concur decisions via the State Department's secure messaging system. But about a half-dozen times when they were away from more secure equipment, they improvised by sending emails on their smartphones about whether they backed an impending strike or not, the officials said.

Some officials shared at least some internal deliberations through intelligence channels, since they were discussing whether to push back against the CIA, congressional officials said.

The time available to the State Department to weigh in on a planned strike varied widely, from several days to as little as 20 or 30 minutes. "If a strike was imminent, it was tricky to use the 'high side,' which no one would use for seven hours," said one official.

Adding to those communications hurdles, U.S. intelligence officials privately objected to the State Department even using its high-side system. They wanted diplomats use a still-more-secure system called the Joint Worldwide Intelligence Community System, or JWICS. State Department officials don't have easy access to that system, even in Washington. If those strikes decisions were needed quickly, it wouldn't be an option, officials said.

The Wall Street Journal first reported on the State Department-CIA tug-of-war over the drone program in 2011.

Under pressure to address critics at home, Mr. Obama pledged to increase the transparency of drone operations by shifting, as much as possible, control of drone programs around the world to the U.S. military instead of the CIA. An exception was made for Pakistan.

But even in Pakistan, Mr. Obama recently signaled a shift. The drone strike that killed Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour last month was conducted by the military, not the CIA, and the outcome was disclosed.

While the CIA still conducts drones over the tribal areas of Pakistan near Afghanistan, the pace of strikes has declined dramatically in recent years. U.S. officials say there are fewer al Qaeda targets there now than the CIA can find.

Richard R. Quinn  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Media Investigative Publicity





**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 6:31 PM  
**To:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** WSJ article out

Gents, saw the WSJ article is out online but it's blocked by premium firewall – would you be able to pull a copy?  
Thanks,  
Pete

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:18 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Q

Call me

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**From:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:05 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Q

That's my memory too. Someone briefed us at a 9am to that effect. I definitely heard that.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 6:49 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (RO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)\*  
[REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)\*  
[REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)\*  
**Cc:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Q

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hey which interviewee told us something similar to this?:

"Some officials chafed at pressure to send internal deliberations through intelligence channels, since they were discussing whether to push back against the CIA, congressional officials said."

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:16 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Language

Heads up

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 8:14 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E.W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Bill, you probably should tell Andy and Baker because I'm betting Tosca will call. I will send our desired language next

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 8:10 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (RO) (FBI) [redacted]  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Just talked to [redacted] and explained the Bureau's position re the last paragraph. He's going to raise this up the chain at NSD, but he doesn't think he'll be able to get this resolved tonight now.

b6 -2  
b7C -2

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:33 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Do you have that last draft language?

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:31 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (NSD) (JMD); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (NSD) (JMD); [redacted] (USAVAE); [redacted] (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** RE: Language

b6 -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2

Just discussed the new language (below) with Trisha [redacted]

b5 -1, 3

From: [redacted] (NSD) [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:03 PM  
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (NSD) (JMD); [redacted] (SAVAE); [redacted] (SAVAE)  
Subject: Langaage

b6 -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2

Here is redfine of consent letter. Last paragraph is pasted below in body of email

[redacted]

b5 -1

[redacted]  
Deputy Chief  
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section  
National Security Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

Phone: [redacted]

b6 -2  
b7C -2

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:17 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Langaugue

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 8:16 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Langaugue

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

This is the language we want

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 7:34 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Langaugue

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted]

b5 -1, 3

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:33 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Langaugue

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Do you have that last draft language?

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:31 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (NSD) (JMD); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (NSD) (JMD); [redacted] (USAVAE); [redacted] (USAVAE)  
**Subject:** RE: Langaugue

b6 -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2

Just discussed the new language (below) with Trisha [redacted]  
[redacted]

b5 -1, 3

From: [redacted] (NSD) [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:03 PM  
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (NSD) (JMD); [redacted] (USAVAE); [redacted] (USAVAE)  
Subject: Language

b6 -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2

Here is redline of consent letter. Last paragraph is pasted below in body of email:

[redacted]

b5 -1

[redacted]  
Deputy Chief  
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section  
National Security Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

b6 -2  
b7C -2

Phone: [redacted]

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 9:21 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Language

[Redacted]

b5 -1, 3  
b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 9:16 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I was on with [Redacted] when this came in. She's on it.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 9:12 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[Redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Trisha

This is the current language. I am inclined to approve. I believe [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

b5 -1, 3

I need to get back to DOJ ASAP so please let me know if you have strong objections.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
[Redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Toscas, George (NSD)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 9:04 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Language

b6 -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2  
b7E -6

As you mentioned [redacted] we will do that (with your agreement). Let me know where you land on the below. Thanks.

b5 -1



b5 -1



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 9:23 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Language

[Redacted]

b5 -1

[Redacted]

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 9:16 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I was on with [Redacted] when this came in. She's on it.

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 9:12 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[Redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Language

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Trisha

This is the current language. I am inclined to approve. I believe [Redacted]

b5 -1, 3

I need to get back to DOJ ASAP so please let me know if you have strong objections.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Toscas, George (NSD)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 06/09/2016 9:04 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]

b6 -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2  
b7E -6

TO: WILLIAMS, BRUCE W AS. (202) (312) [REDACTED]

Subject: Language

As you mentioned, [REDACTED] we will do that (with your agreement). Let me know where you land on the below. Thanks.

b5 -1

[REDACTED]

b5 -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 9:17 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Kendall DOJ contact

OK, [redacted] b5 -1, 3

Also phase 1 [redacted] of Samuelson is done. CES notifying Wilkinson - b7E -4, 12  
per terms of consent - that we are moving to phase 2 [redacted] Mills laptop still processing,  
was about twice as large. OTD thinks that will be done tonight as well.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] b6 -1  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:42 PM (GMT-05:00) b7C -1  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] b7E -6  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kendall DOJ contact

Fysa.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] b6 -1  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:41 PM (GMT-05:00) b7C -1  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" b7E -6  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Kendall DOJ contact

Yes. So if July 2 is the first thing she has free now, we should grab it.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
[redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] b6 -1  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:35 PM (GMT-05:00) b7C -1  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" b7E -6  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Kendall DOJ contact

Yes, your latter point was my concern.

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 8:33 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
Subject: RE: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Imy in the same place. We can agree pending our progress on the review.

Keep in mind the Boss's strong desire to get this wrapped up in June.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
[redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 8:29 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
Subject: RE: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I guess I'm OK with it so long as we clearly state in writing that the date is tentative and subject to our finishing our review of the laptops.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 7:06 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
Subject: Fwd: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

See below. Let me know if we want to adjust our thinking about scheduling. No problem if not, just wanted you both to be aware of the latest.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 6:49 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Subject: Fwd: Kendall DOJ contact

Fyi

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 06/10/2016 6:47 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
Subject: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Bill, I'm driving and can provide more detail on the phone, but DOJ is telling Toscas. Without DOJ asking, Kendall threw out a date of 2 July in NY for the interview. [REDACTED] said that he could not commit to a date and we need to look at the laptops first. Kendall said he would keep the date blocked anyway because it is getting very hard to get on her calendar, even for him.  
Thanks,  
Pete

b6 -2  
b7C -2

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 9:24 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Kendall DOJ contact

Thank you

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:42 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Fysa.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:41 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Yes. So if July 2 is the first thing she has free now, we should grab it.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
[redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:35 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Yes, your latter point was my concern.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/10/2016 8:33 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I'm in the same place. We can agree pending our progress on the review.

Keep in mind the Boss's strong desire to get this wrapped up in June.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

b6 -1  
b7C -1

[Redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 8:29 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)"  
[Redacted]  
Subject: RE: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I guess I'm OK with it so long as we clearly state in writing that the date is tentative and subject to our finishing our review of the laptops.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 7:06 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[Redacted]  
Subject: Fwd: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

See below. Let me know if we want to adjust our thinking about scheduling. No problem if not, just wanted you both to be aware of the latest.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 6:49 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
Subject: Fwd: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Fyi

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
Date: 06/10/2016 6:47 PM (GMT-05:00)

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

To: "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]"  
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] ((OGC) (FBI))"  
[redacted]  
Subject: Kendall DOJ contact

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Bill, I'm driving and can provide more detail on the phone, but DOJ is telling Toscas. Without DOJ asking, Kendall threw out a date of 2 July in NY for the interview. [redacted] said that he could not commit to a date and we need to look at the laptops first. Kendall said he would keep the date blocked anyway because it is getting very hard to get on her calendar, even for him.

b6 -2  
b7C -2

Thanks,  
Pete



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 11, 2016 7:58 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: CD Special Status

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/11/2016 7:26 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI) [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted] (OTD) (FBI) [redacted]

[redacted] (OTD) (FBI) [redacted]

**Subject:** CD Special Status

[Large redacted block]

b5 -1  
b7E -4, 7, 12

[redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 12, 2016 5:53 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: CD Special Status

Fysa

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/12/2016 5:52 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] OGC) (FBI)"

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted] RO) (FBI) [redacted]  
[redacted] WF) (FBI) [redacted]

**Subject:** Fwd: CD Special Status

FYI below. I've asked for a [redacted]

b5 -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/12/2016 5:47 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI) [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: CD Special Status

[redacted]

b5 -1  
b7E -4, 7, 12

[redacted]

[redacted]  
Cell [redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/11/2016 7:26 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI) [redacted]

**Subject:** CD Special Status

[redacted]

b5 -1  
b7E -4, 7, 12

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 12, 2016 6:08 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: CD Special Status

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/12/2016 6:06 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CD Special Status

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted]

b5 -1

[redacted]  
Cell [redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/12/2016 5:51 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CD Special Status

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted]

b5 -1  
b6 -1  
b7C -1

Thanks and great job,  
Pete

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/12/2016 5:47 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: CD Special Status

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted]

b5 -1  
b7E -4, 7, 12

b5 -1  
b7E -4, 7, 12

[Redacted]

[Redacted]  
Cell [Redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [Redacted]

Date: 06/11/2016 7:26 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: [Redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[Redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
[Redacted] (OTD) (FBI)" [Redacted]

Subject: CD Special Status

[Redacted]

b5 -1  
b7E -4, 7, 12

[Redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 11:13 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: OTD update

Fysa

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/13/2016 11:12 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (RO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: OTD update

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Bill, FYI. OTD continues processing, but we (starting with filter) are beginning review of [redacted] b7E -4, 7, 12

[redacted]

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (RO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/13/2016 10:55 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** OTD update

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I have an update from OTD. First batch of content is ready for Filter. [redacted] and [redacted] will start around 11:30 am. Contact me at [redacted] for details.

[redacted]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Supervisory Special Agent

WFO/CI-13

[redacted] office  
[redacted] mobile

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** MYE redline review  
**Location:** 4869

**Start:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:00 AM  
**End:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 10:30 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Moffa,  
Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Would like to review this sooner rather than later as we also have LHM in front of us. Jim, FYSA, you're welcome as always.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** MYE conf call  
**Location:** Will send dial in

**Start:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:00 PM  
**End:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:30 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Required Attendees:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI);  
Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

b6 -1  
b7c -1

2 doesn't work, sorry

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 1:23 PM  
**To:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** MYE draft LHM

Jim & Lisa,

I will drop off hard copies of the MYE draft LHM with Lisa for the D, DD, GC and you two and follow with soft copy on Secret side. Two notes for you to pass to your bosses along with the LHM:

b5 -1, 2, 3

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,  
Pete



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MYE update 20 June

Meant to send this to you

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 06/20/2016 8:29 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 20 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thanks Pete. Just so you're aware, I provide these updates to the DD every night. He seems to appreciate them. Thx, Bill

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 06/20/2016 6:01 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] (RO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C.  
(OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** MYE update 20 June

b3 -1  
b5 -1  
b7E -6

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Bill



b3 -1  
b5 -1  
b6 -3  
b7C -3  
b7E -4, 12

Pete  
Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
EBIHO

[Redacted] (S)  
[Redacted] (S)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 12:19 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** McDade-Murtha

This was written by CRS in 2001. See my bolded section, below.

McDade-Murtha Amendment: Ethical Standards for  
Justice Department Attorneys

Summary

The McDade-Murtha Amendment, 28 U.S.C. 530B, requires federal prosecutors to follow state and federal rules of professional responsibility in effect in the states where they conduct their activities. It also continues in place the sixty year old directive that federal prosecutors follow the ethics rules promulgated by the states in which they are licensed to practice. Proponents claim the change will confirm that federal prosecutors must follow the same ethical rules as other lawyers and will enhance the prospect of some protection against wayward federal prosecutors. Opponents charge that it will implicitly undermine the Attorney General's authority to preempt state laws that conflict with federal law enforcement interests and that in doing so it will jeopardize the use of undercover techniques against terrorists, drug kingpins and child predators because of possible interpretations of the so-called no contact rule.

Under the no contact rule, accepted in virtually every American jurisdiction, a lawyer in representing a client may "not communicate about the subject of the representation with a person the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer in the matter, unless the lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer or is authorized by law to do so." The rule was designed to prevent lawyers from taking unfair advantage of their untutored opponents.

***The Justice Department is troubled by judicial interpretations of the rule that indicate that it may apply: (1) in criminal cases prior to arrest or indictment; (2) to federal prosecutors whose only contact is through informants, cooperative witnesses, undercover agents, or federal investigators; (3) even though the represented client initiated the contact; or (4) to contacts with the employees or agents of an organizational target of a federal administrative and civil investigation. The courts have thus far repudiated the efforts of the Department to craft an exception for federal prosecutors administratively.***

Similar concerns stimulated by rules covering the disclosure of exculpatory evidence to the grand jury and the use of grand jury subpoenas against attorneys seem to have been eased by internal guidelines and more favorable jurisprudence. At its heart, the debate involves defining the ethical bounds within which Department of Justice attorneys must operate and deciding to whom that task should be assigned.

Full report at:

<http://congressionalresearch.com/RL30060/document.php?study=McDade-Murtha+Amendment+Ethical+Standards+for+Justice+Department+Attorneys>

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:52 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: MYE update 21 June

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:52 PM  
**To:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (RO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** MYE update 21 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1

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Bill

b5 -1  
b6 -3  
b7C -3  
b7E -4, 12

Pete  
Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ

[redacted] (O)  
[redacted] (C)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 6:38 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MYE update 21 June

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/21/2016 6:37 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 21 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Yes.

And slight correction to below [redacted] account was not on clintonemail.com, but a different domain on the same server. We saw the login from the server logs.

b6 -3  
b7C -3

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/21/2016 6:28 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 21 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thanks Pete. Just so I'm clear, are [redacted] Thx, Bill

b5 -1  
b6 -3  
b7C -3

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:52 PM  
**To:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Muffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (RO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** MYE update 21 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1

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Bill

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b5 -1  
b6 -3  
b7C -3  
b7E -4, 12

[Redacted]

b5 -1  
b6 -3  
b7C -3

Pete  
Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
EBIHO

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b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 7:59 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MYE update 23 June

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/23/2016 7:58 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 23 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Ha! That's not what I want to hear!

I'll try...a logical break will come soon enough.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/23/2016 7:52 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 23 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thank you Pete.

You looked quite tired during today's 1 PM - try to get some rest.

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/23/2016 7:47 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (RO) (FBI) [redacted] "Page, Lisa C.  
(OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** MYE update 23 June

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Bill,



b3 -1  
b5 -1  
b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1, 3  
b7E -4

Pete

Peter P. Strzok II

Section Chief

Counterespionage Section (CD4)

FBIHQ



b6 -1  
b7C -1



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** DD MYE LHM comments  
**Location:** Lisa's mobile office (Peet's)

**Start:** Monday, June 27, 2016 9:30 AM  
**End:** Monday, June 27, 2016 10:00 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** {none}

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** DD MYE LHM comments  
**Location:** Lisa's mobile office (Peet's)

**Start:** Monday, June 27, 2016 9:30 AM  
**End:** Monday, June 27, 2016 10:00 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 2:47 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: D statement redlines

K. Can you talk for a sec?

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/27/2016 2:46 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: D statement redlines

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I saw.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/27/2016 2:16 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** D statement redlines

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hey if you haven't had a chance to compare, call me and I'll point out where he made a couple of additions/changes

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 8:40 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: MYE update 28 June

Thought I bcc'ed you but I don't see it. Apologies if you get this twice.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/28/2016 8:36 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 28 June

b6 -1  
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**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
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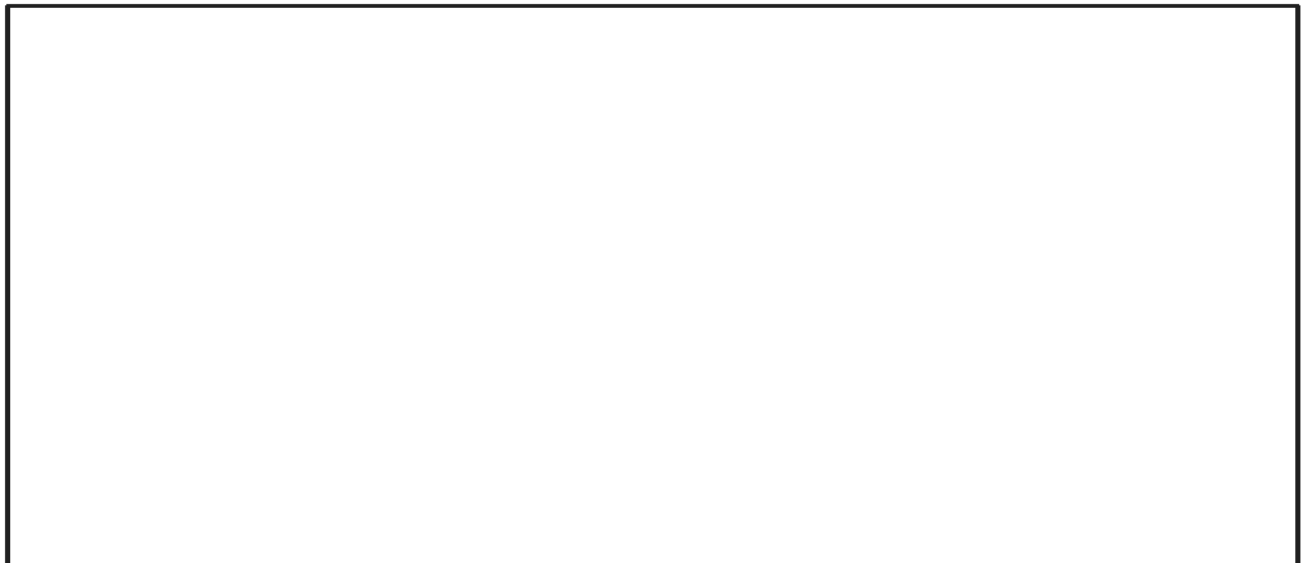
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**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
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**Date:** 06/28/2016 8:44 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: MYE update 28 June

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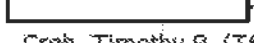
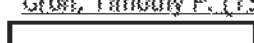
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**From:** SIOC [redacted]  
**Date:** 06/29/2016 12:44 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Conference call bridge

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 12:39 PM  
**To:** SIOC  
**Subject:** Conference call bridge

Good afternoon SIOC. I need an unclassified conference call bridge for 15 parties for two hours starting at 2:30 PM for tomorrow, Thursday 30th.

Thank you,  
Pete Strzok

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
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**Subject:** Daily Caller: Why Did Bill Clinton and Loretta Lynch Meet on Her Airplane in Phoenix This Week?

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## Why Did Bill Clinton And Loretta Lynch Meet On Her Airplane In Phoenix This Week? [VIDEO]



Chuck Ross  
Reporter

12:22 PM 06/29/2016

Attorney General Loretta Lynch met with former President Bill Clinton for a half-hour on her government airplane at the Phoenix airport on Tuesday, an Arizona news station is reporting.

The unannounced meeting, which comes as Lynch's Justice Department is investigating the handling of classified information on Hillary Clinton's private email server, came to light only when Phoenix's ABC15 TV station asked Lynch about it during a press conference.

The Obama appointee told the TV station that she and Clinton did not discuss the investigation or any other government business. Instead, she says they talked about Clinton's grandchildren and golf.

"I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport," she told ABC15.

"As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels. He mentioned the golf he played in Phoenix."

ABC15 reported that the meeting on board Lynch's plane lasted about 30 minutes. The FBI is conducting the email server investigation. Investigators are said to be near the end of their investigation. FBI director James Comey will make a recommendation to Lynch on whether to press charges against Clinton or any of her aides at the end of its probe.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/06/29/bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-airplane-in-phoenix->

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:20 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bill Clinton, AG Loretta Lynch meet on tarmac in Phoenix - CBS News

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<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/president-bill-clinton-loretta-lynch-meet-on-tarmac-in-phoenix/>

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Last Updated Jun 29, 2016 8:18 PM EDT

As his wife is under federal investigation for her use of a private email server, former President Bill Clinton met privately with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch at the Phoenix Airport Monday evening in what both sides say was an unplanned encounter.

An aide to Bill Clinton confirmed to CBS News that the meeting wasn't planned in advance: Clinton realized she would be on the same tarmac at the same time and wanted to say hello, adding that it's a courtesy Clinton "always extends" to public officials.

The meeting comes as former secretary of State Hillary Clinton is still under investigation for her email practices--and also came the day before House Republicans released a report criticizing the Obama administration's response to the 2012 Benghazi attacks.

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Lynch told reporters that the copies of Benghazi and Clinton's email server and her communications she and Clinton spoke largely about his grandchildren, golf and travel.

"Actually, while I was landing at the airport, I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport as I was leaving, and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane," she said. "Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels. He mentioned the golf he played in Phoenix, and he mentioned travels he'd had in West Virginia."

"There was no discussion of any matter pending for the department or any matter pending for any other body," Lynch added. "There was no discussion of Benghazi, no discussion of the State Department emails, by way of example."

Asked further whether there was any "impropriety" to meeting with Clinton while the email investigation is ongoing, Lynch replied merely that the case is being handled by "career investigators and career agents."

"My agency is involved in a matter looking at State Department policies and issues," she said. "It's being handled by career investigators and career agents. It will always follow the facts and the law and do the same independent and thorough investigation that they've done in all."

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"It will definitely be fuel for those who do not believe this is an objective investigation," Reid added.

*CBS News' Hannah Fraser-Chanpong and Paula Reid contributed to this story.*

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 5:38 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

[http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/07/02/us/politics/loretta-lynch-hillary-clinton-email-server.html?\\_r=0&referrer=https://www.google.com/](http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/07/02/us/politics/loretta-lynch-hillary-clinton-email-server.html?_r=0&referrer=https://www.google.com/)

## Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says

Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch plans to announce on Friday that she will accept whatever recommendation career prosecutors and the F.B.I. director make about whether to bring charges related to Hillary Clinton's personal email server, a Justice Department official said. Her decision removes the possibility that a political appointee will overrule investigators in the case.

The Justice Department had been moving toward such an arrangement for months — officials said in April that it was being considered — but a private meeting between Ms. Lynch and former President Bill Clinton this week set off a political furor and made the decision all but inevitable.

Republicans said the meeting, which took place at the Phoenix airport, had compromised the independence of the investigation as the F.B.I. was winding it down. Some called for Ms. Lynch to recuse herself, but she did not take herself off the case — one that could influence a presidential election.

Ms. Lynch plans to discuss the matter at a conference in Aspen, Colo., on Friday. The Justice Department declined to comment. The official who confirmed the discussion did so on the condition of anonymity because the internal decision-making process is normally kept confidential.

The F.B.I. is investigating whether Mrs. Clinton, her aides or anyone else broke the law by setting up a private email server for her to use as secretary of state. Internal investigators have concluded that the server was used to send classified information, and Republicans have seized on the matter to question Mrs. Clinton's judgment.

For the Justice Department, the central question is whether the conduct met the legal standard for the crime of mishandling classified information.

Ms. Lynch said that the meeting with Mr. Clinton was unplanned, largely social and did not touch on

the email investigation. She suggested that he walked uninvited from his plane to her government plane, both of which were parked on a tarmac at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

"He did come over and say hello, and speak to my husband and myself, and talk about his grandchildren and his travels and things like that," Ms. Lynch said at a news conference in Los Angeles on Wednesday, where she was promoting community policing. "That was the extent of that. And no discussions were held into any cases or things like that."

That did not mollify Republican lawmakers, who said the meeting raised questions about the integrity of the government's investigation.

"In light of the apparent conflicts of interest, I have called repeatedly on Attorney General Lynch to appoint a special counsel to ensure the investigation is as far from politics as possible," Senator John Cornyn, Republican of Texas and a member of the Judiciary Committee, said in a statement on Thursday.

The meeting created an awkward situation for Ms. Lynch, a veteran prosecutor who was nominated from outside Washington's normal political circles. In her confirmation, her allies repeatedly sought to contrast her with her predecessor, Eric H. Holder Jr., an outspoken liberal voice in the administration who clashed frequently with Republicans who accused him of politicizing the office.

Ms. Lynch has said she wants to handle the Clinton investigation

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**Subject:** FW: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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I will be out of the office through Friday, July 8th. I will have some access to this email during that time. If the matter is urgent, please call [redacted] Thank you.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 01, 2016 4:30 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Article  
**Importance:** High

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/07/01/exclusive-hillary-clinton-scheduled-to-meet-with-fbi-on-saturday/>

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 02, 2016 10:08 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Why the timing of Clinton's FBI interview couldn't be worse

But when paired with Bill Clinton's apparent misstep -- meeting with Lynch at a time when his wife is under investigation -- the two events once again fuel the narrative that the Clintons operate under different rules than the rest of the political world. The stakes of the next several weeks before Democrats officially make Clinton their nominee are much higher now.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/02/politics/hillary-clinton-fbi-interview-bill-clinton/>

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**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Is Hillary Clinton Telling the Truth About Emails? - The Daily Beast

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/07/03/is-hillary-clinton-telling-the-truth-about-emails.html>

## **Is Hillary Clinton Telling the Truth About Emails?**

By Lauren Carroll and Jon Greenberg

Saturday's news that Hillary Clinton spent more than three hours speaking with the FBI bled into the Sunday news shows, with Clinton again saying she did not send or receive material marked classified through the private email server she used while secretary of state.

"Let me just repeat what I have repeated for many months now," Clinton told NBC's Chuck Todd in a phone interview following her interview with investigators. "I never received nor sent any material that was marked classified."

The line has been part of Clinton's defense since at least last August. Back then, PolitiFact hesitated to rate Clinton's claim because of the fluidity of events and the ongoing investigation.

Eleven months later, we wanted to take a fresh look.

### **Classified after the fact**

The public became aware that Clinton used a private email server in March 2015. Eventually, Clinton turned over about 30,000 work-related emails to the State Department for public release.

The State Department redacted about 2,000 of those emails before releasing them, saying they contain classified information — including some that have been withheld entirely because they contain "top secret" information.

Clinton's statement focuses on a much narrower and potentially misleading point — that Clinton sent or received material she knew was classified because it was marked.

None of the emails the State Department redacted, or any other emails made public, contained classification markings at the time they were sent, government officials said.

The possibility remains, however, that that she sent or received classified information that was inappropriately left unlabeled — or that Clinton, as head of the department, failed to recognize and deal with information that should have been classified.

Further, because Clinton used a private server, we only have Clinton's word that she turned over all relevant email. It's possible there are emails with classified information on them that she deleted or did not turn over.

Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, said Clinton is carefully picking her words.

"On the one hand, I believe that sentence is likely accurate," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, told PolitiFact. "But I also believe that it is so carefully crafted as to avoid a more important question, which is whether there was information in her email that should have been marked classified."

The plot only gets more complicated.

While we know officials retroactively classified portions of emails on Clinton's private server, we do not yet know if any of those emails contained classified information when they first landed in Clinton's server. It's possible that emails that were not marked classified contained classified information.

There's also some disagreement between the State Department and the intelligence community over what was or should have been treated as classified. Government agencies regularly disagree over what should be classified or not, and transparency advocates say the government regularly over-classifies.

Clinton's specific phrasing — that she never sent or received material "marked classified" — is likely a critical point for investigators, as it's relevant to the question of Clinton's intent and whether she knowingly mishandled material.

In that sense, Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists, said Clinton's claim might not be misleading.

But it's also true, Aftergood said, "that statement alone does not answer all possible questions about the matter."

Overall, Clinton is focusing on a technical aspect of the government chain of classification, that information contained within her private email server wasn't "marked" classified. There is no evidence Clinton knowingly sent or received classified information.

But the government classification system is complicated, and Clinton fails to acknowledge that classified information could have moved through her email server without a proper label. Part of the problem is Clinton's private server itself, because only she and her team know what was in the emails she deleted.

We rate the claim **Half True**.

### **Clinton, the Russian 'reset'**

On Meet the Press, Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., was asked to explain foreign policy positions that appear



On Tuesday, the press, Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., was asked to explain foreign policy positions that appear more in line with Clinton than Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump.

"I can assure you that I'm not very close to Hillary Clinton. I think she's disqualified herself from commander in chief by her cavalier attitude towards our nation's secrecy laws," Cotton said. "And she has been responsible for many of the worst decisions of the Obama administration.

"She was literally present when we pressed the reset button with Russia just a few months after Russia had invaded Georgia."

Cotton's talk about Russia is an imperfect but not inaccurate retelling of history. That claim rates Mostly True.

Russia long has had a military presence in the semi-autonomous Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, two areas that enjoyed substantial autonomy from Georgia.

In 1991, Georgian forces occupied the South Ossetian capital, but resistance by Russian-backed fighters led to a stalemate. In 1992, all parties agreed to a ceasefire, which included a Russian-led peacekeeping force. There was a similar pattern of hostilities in Abkhazia that resulted in a similar solution. The presence of peacekeepers and international monitors worked for about a decade.

Calm unravelled in 2004 with the election of a more nationalist leader in Georgia. There was aggression on both sides. Violence grew and on Aug. 7, 2008, after Russian-backed rebels in South Ossetia shelled ethnically Georgian villages, the Georgian government sent in its army to take control of the region. Russia responded militarily, successfully pushing back Georgian troops from both South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Clashes continued for a week, drawing in portions of Georgia beyond the two breakaway regions, until France helped broker a peace deal. Open conflict ended Aug. 12, 2008. Russia then recognized South Ossetia and Abkhazia as sovereign nations, though most other countries have not taken that step.

Jump forward to March 2009 to pick up the other point in Cotton's statement.

Newly elected President Barack Obama had campaigned that he would put relations with Russia on a less confrontational footing. Most of his focus was on scaling back the nuclear arsenals of both nations.

As part of that initiative, on March 6, 2009, in Geneva, Switzerland, then-Secretary of State Clinton gave her Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov a red button. The button was supposed to have word "reset" written on it in Russian. But the Americans got it wrong -- the word translated to "overcharged."

So Cotton has the basics of the story largely correct though he's cutting off the edges of the story. Russian troops did participate in military activities on Georgian soil, but troops were already in place as part of a brokered settlement. The Russians didn't necessarily initiate hostilities.

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 04, 2016 1:32 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Is Hillary Clinton Telling the Truth About Emails? - The Daily Beast

Thanks; see below, incorporating your feedback

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/04/2016 1:31 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Is Hillary Clinton Telling the Truth About Emails? - The Daily Beast

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

There are three chains totalling 8 or 9 emails which have (C) portion marks in front of paragraphs. Some have both (C) and (SBU) in front of different paragraphs in the same email. During a brief a few weeks ago, Jon provided a copy of the emails in question.

All were released in the 30,000 FOIA production. One of the chains contains multiple B1 redactions, indicating it is currently classified Confidential; the other two chains were released in full. We do not yet have determinations from State about their classification at the time of writing. I would argue for

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Thanks,  
Pete

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/07/03/is-hillary-clinton-telling-the-truth-about-emails.html>

## Is Hillary Clinton Telling the Truth About Emails?

By Lauren Carroll and Jon Greenberg

Saturday's news that Hillary Clinton spent more than three hours speaking with the FBI bled into the Sunday news shows, with Clinton again saying she did not send or receive material marked classified through the private email server she used while secretary of state.

"Let me just repeat what I have repeated for many months now," Clinton told NBC's Chuck Todd in a phone interview following her interview with investigators: "I never received nor sent any material that was marked classified."

The line has been part of Clinton's defense since at least last August. Back then, PolitiFact hesitated to rate Clinton's claim because of the fluidity of events and the ongoing investigation.

Eleven months later, we wanted to take a fresh look.

### Classified after the fact

The public became aware that Clinton used a private email server in March 2015. Eventually, Clinton turned over about 30,000 work-related emails to the State Department for public release.

The State Department redacted about 2,000 of those emails before releasing them, saying they contain classified information — including some that have been withheld entirely because they contain "top secret" information.

Clinton's statement focuses on a much narrower and potentially misleading point — that Clinton sent or received material she knew was classified because it was marked.

None of the emails the State Department redacted, or any other emails made public, contained classification markings at the time they were sent, government officials said.

The possibility remains, however, that she sent or received classified information that was inappropriately left unlabeled — or that Clinton, as head of the department, failed to recognize and deal with information that should have been classified.

Further, because Clinton used a private server, we only have Clinton's word that she turned over all relevant email. It's possible there are emails with classified information on them that she deleted or did not turn over.

Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, said Clinton is carefully picking her words.

"On the one hand, I believe that sentence is likely accurate," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, told PolitiFact. "But I also believe that it is so carefully crafted as to avoid a more important question, which is whether there was information in her email that should

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The plot only gets more complicated.

While we know officials retroactively classified portions of emails on Clinton’s private server, we do not yet know if any of those emails contained classified information when they first landed in Clinton’s server. It’s possible that emails that were not marked classified contained classified information.

There’s also some disagreement between the State Department and the intelligence community over what was or should have been treated as classified. Government agencies regularly disagree over what should be classified or not, and transparency advocates say the government regularly over-classifies.

Clinton’s specific phrasing — that she never sent or received material “marked classified” — is likely a critical point for investigators, as it’s relevant to the question of Clinton’s intent and whether she knowingly mishandled material.

In that sense, Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists, said Clinton’s claim might not be misleading.

But it’s also true, Aftergood said, “that statement alone does not answer all possible questions about the matter.”

Overall, Clinton is focusing on a technical aspect of the government chain of classification, that information contained within her private email server wasn’t “marked” classified. There is no evidence Clinton knowingly sent or received classified information.

But the government classification system is complicated, and Clinton fails to acknowledge that classified information could have moved through her email server without a proper label. Part of the problem is Clinton’s private server itself, because only she and her team know what was in the emails she deleted.

We rate the claim **Half True**.

### **Clinton, the Russian ‘reset’**

On *Meet the Press*, Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., was asked to explain foreign policy positions that appear more in line with Clinton than Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump.

“I can assure you that I’m not very close to Hillary Clinton. I think she’s disqualified herself from commander in chief by her cavalier attitude towards our nation’s secrecy laws,” Cotton said. “And she has been responsible for many of the worst decisions of the Obama administration.

“She was literally present when we pressed the reset button with Russia just a few months after Russia had invaded Georgia.”

Cotton’s talk about Russia is an imperfect but not inaccurate retelling of history. That claim rates **Mostly True**.

Russia long has had a military presence in the semi-autonomous Georgian regions of South Ossetia

and Abkhazia, two areas that enjoyed substantial autonomy from Georgia.

In 1991, Georgian forces occupied the South Ossetian capital, but resistance by Russian-backed fighters led to a stalemate. In 1992, all parties agreed to a ceasefire, which included a Russian-led peacekeeping force. There was a similar pattern of hostilities in Abkhazia that resulted in a similar solution. The presence of peacekeepers and international monitors worked for about a decade.

Calm unravelled in 2004 with the election of a more nationalist leader in Georgia. There was aggression on both sides. Violence grew and on Aug. 7, 2008, after Russian-backed rebels in South Ossetia shelled ethnically Georgian villages, the Georgian government sent in its army to take control of the region. Russia responded militarily, successfully pushing back Georgian troops from both South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Clashes continued for a week, drawing in portions of Georgia beyond the two breakaway regions, until France helped broker a peace deal. Open conflict ended Aug. 12, 2008. Russia then recognized South Ossetia and Abkhazia as sovereign nations, though most other countries have not taken that step.

Jump forward to March 2009 to pick up the other point in Cotton's statement.

Newly elected President Barack Obama had campaigned that he would put relations with Russia on a less confrontational footing. Most of his focus was on scaling back the nuclear arsenals of both nations.

As part of that initiative, on March 5, 2009, in Geneva, Switzerland, then-Secretary of State Clinton gave her Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov a red button. The button was supposed to have word "reset" written on it in Russian. But the Americans got it wrong -- the word translated to "overcharged."

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 04, 2016 4:17 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd:

FYI. Bill also talked to him, he said Andy appreciated the point but didn't think we needed to change wording.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/04/2016 4:06 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE:

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Jim, to confirm, you want to move my call and Petes call to 0800?

Also, are we cancelling the 0815 brief or keeping it in place?

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
[redacted]

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b7C -1

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/04/2016 11:34 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:**

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b7E -6

Happy 4th! Talked to the boss yesterday and we thought it would be better to move up his first call to 0800 (instead of 0830). Our calls should happen at the same time.

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 04, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: DD called

[Redacted]

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 07/04/2016 5:18 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: DD called

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 07/04/2016 5:15 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: DD called

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Date:** 07/04/2016 5:14 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]  
**Subject:** DD called

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Bill, fysa, the DD just called me with two questions as he's re-reading the D's speech:

[Redacted]

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 8:38 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: calls

----- Original message -----

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/05/2016 8:33 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: calls

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Toscas emailed.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

W [redacted]  
M [redacted]

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 8:33 AM  
**To:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Cc:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: calls

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Lauferman notified

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

**From:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 8:28 AM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: calls

DAG and Axelrod notified. Go ahead with the others.

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

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 7:49 AM  
**To:** McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Cc:** Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: calls

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OK, will do.

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

**From:** McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 7:48 AM

To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
Cc: Priestap, E.W. (CD) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)  
Subject: calls

Pete:

Jim will email us once the D has made contact with [redacted] That will be the green light.

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If you are not able to make contact, you can send him a brief, non-detailed email.

Please confirm.

Andrew G. McCabe  
Deputy Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

W [redacted]  
M [redacted]

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 12:01 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Huge focus on Petraeus

It didn't go out, just re-sent:

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**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 11:48 AM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Huge focus on Petraeus

You sent to Kortan?

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 2:55 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW:

### **FBI Says Hillary Clinton Claim on Reading Emails Was False**

**The FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's email uncovered evidence that her spokesman gave reporters false information in 2015 about the process lawyers used to sort personal emails prior to deletion.**

Clinton press secretary Nick Merrill previously told *TIME* that her attorneys had individually read every email to determine if it was a government document or personal correspondence. "Every one of the more than 60,000 emails were read. Period," Merrill wrote in one email to a *TIME* reporter dated March 14, 2015.

The FBI concluded that this claim was false. "The lawyers doing the sorting for Secretary Clinton in 2014 did not individually read the content of all of her e-mails," said FBI Director James Comey in a statement on Tuesday. "Instead, they relied on header information and used search terms to try to find all work-related e-mails among the reportedly more than 60,000 total e-mails remaining on Secretary Clinton's personal system in 2014."

The process for sorting the emails was questioned because keyword searches are widely seen as an imprecise tool for deciding if an email qualifies as a federal record under the law.

After the announcement, Merrill told *TIME* the campaign was still digesting the FBI claims. "No one misled you," Merrill wrote in an email on July 5. "We heard Comey's statement for the first time when you did today, so we're trying to figure it all out too."

Merrill's previous claim that all the emails were read came in response to a *TIME* magazine cover story, *The Clinton Way*, by David von Drehle. That story reported, based on a fact-sheet distributed by Clinton's lawyers, that the process for sorting the emails used several methods, like keyword searches, but did not include reading each individual email.

After publication, Merrill objected to the story. "I apologize if the fact sheet wasn't clear enough, but to be crystal clear now, on the record, as Secretary Clinton's Press Secretary and the person whose job it is to be the authorized representative to the media, I'm telling you that your piece was factually inaccurate, that the fact sheet was providing examples of the process used by the reviewers to double and triple check they were capturing everything," Merrill wrote in an email. "This was not in lieu of reading them all, it was in addition to reading them all. We did not mean to imply otherwise."

After receiving this complaint, *TIME* requested an interview with Clinton's lawyers, which was denied. In addition to Merrill's on-the-record statement, a senior Clinton adviser, who was granted anonymity to describe the email-sorting process in greater depth, repeatedly told *TIME* in an interview that her lawyers had read all of the documents prior to deleting them.

TIME published a second story explaining Merrill's objections, which included an on-the-record quote from him stating that all emails were read and apologizing for the confusion caused by the fact sheet.

By not requiring staff or lawyers to read the emails, Clinton may have deleted work-related emails that should be archived under the Federal Records Act. Comey said July 5 that the FBI uncovered several thousand work-related emails that were not handed over to the State Department by Clinton's legal team, and he speculated that some of those emails may have been deleted after being marked "personal" by Clinton's lawyers. "We found no evidence that any of the additional work-related e-mails were intentionally deleted in an effort to conceal them," Comey said.

At the time of the disclosure of the private email server, public records experts described the process employed by Clinton's legal team as imperfect. "I would question why lawyers for Secretary Clinton would use keyword searching, a method known to be fraught with limitations, to determine which of the emails with a non-.gov address pertained to government business," said Jason R. Baron, a former lawyer at the National Archives and Records Administration who is now an attorney in the Washington office of Drinker Biddle & Reath. "Any and all State Department activities—not just communications involving the keywords Benghazi or Libya—would potentially make an email a federal record. Given the high stakes involved, I would have imagined staff could have simply conducted a manual review of every document. Using keywords as a shortcut unfortunately leaves the process open to being second-guessed."

*Additional reporting by Zeke J. Miller, Alex Altman and David von Drehle*

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 2:57 PM  
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
Subject: Read this  
Importance: High

## James Comey's Rebuke of Hillary Clinton Fits a 3-Decade Pattern

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT and ERIC LICHTBLAU JULY 5, 2016



The F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, before his news conference on Tuesday. Credit Cliff Owen/Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — For 15 minutes on Tuesday morning, as the political world held its breath, the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, laid out in clinical detail how the Democratic candidate for president had misused her private email account.

He did not announce until the very end of his statement that he was recommending that Hillary Clinton, who could be his boss if she is elected in November, should not be subject to criminal charges.

To those who know Mr. Comey, it was a classic performance. Throughout his three decades as a law enforcement official, Mr. Comey, 55, has refused to shy away from thorny issues, often clashing with White House and Justice Department officials about some of the most high profile national security matters.

In 2004, when Mr. Comey was the deputy attorney general, he was at the center of a dramatic dispute within the George W. Bush administration when he refused to reauthorize a secret National Security Agency wiretapping program put into place after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Mr. Comey believed parts of the warrantless wiretapping program may have been illegal. The rift led to a showdown at the Washington hospital room of Attorney General John Ashcroft, as two of Mr. Bush's top aides, Andrew H. Card Jr. and Alberto R. Gonzales, pressured Mr. Ashcroft to sign the order. Mr. Comey met the next day with the president about the episode, and he and more than a dozen other officials threatened to resign over what they saw as a usurpation of power by White House officials.

Mr. Comey's testimony about the episode before a Senate committee in 2007 was the stuff of a Hollywood film, as he described racing to the hospital in an F.B.I. car with sirens blaring to try to get to the attorney general's room before Mr. Card and Mr. Gonzales could reach Mr. Ashcroft. In his Congressional testimony, Mr. Comey described the events as "the most difficult of my professional career."

"I was angry," Mr. Comey told the committee. "I had just witnessed an effort to take advantage of a very sick man, who did not have the powers of the attorney general because they had been transferred to me. I thought he had conducted himself in a way that demonstrated a strength I had never seen before, but still I thought it was improper."

President Obama appointed Mr. Comey in 2013 to be the F.B.I. director, but Mr. Comey has not shied away from clashing with Mr. Obama's administration. Last October, Mr. Comey gave a speech that said additional scrutiny and criticism of police officers in the wake of highly publicized episodes of police brutality may have led to an increase in violent crime in some cities because officers become less aggressive.

"I've been told by a senior police leader who urged his force to remember that their political leadership has no tolerance for a viral video," Mr. Comey said in a speech at the University of Chicago Law School in October, adding that many leaders and officers to whom he had spoken said they were afraid to address the issue publicly.

"Lives are saved when those potential killers are confronted by a police officer, a strong police presence and actual honest-to-goodness, up-close, 'what are you guys doing on this corner at 1 o'clock in the morning' policing," Mr. Comey said. "We need to be careful it doesn't drift away from us in the age of viral videos, or there will be profound consequences."

The speech angered senior White House officials who contended that Mr. Comey had no evidence to back up his claims and that he was undermining their criminal justice reform efforts. Just days after the speech, Mr. Comey met with Mr. Obama in the Oval Office to discuss their views, but he has continued to voice his opinion on the topic — even as White House officials have maintained there is little to back his views.

Mr. Comey has also pushed a reluctant White House to be more aggressive in helping law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the issue of encryption, despite the fervent opposition of many tech companies that have made it harder for the agencies to legally obtain the communications of terrorists, criminals and foreign agents.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 7:10 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: JJ

Apparently coming out of the D prep session....

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/07/2016 7:06 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: JJ

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I did not, sorry - I didn't remember I needed to look. I'll ask the guys to research it and look as soon as I get in.

This is helpful:  
<http://fas.org/irp/ops/ci/smith.html>

And yes, \*slightly\* more aggravating mens rea factors....

----- Original message -----

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/07/2016 6:57 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** JJ

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Did you get more info on the JJ Smith case? I tried to find the charging document on PACER, but the name is too common. Maybe you found it in the case file? Or at least a docket number I could look up?



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 10:01 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: TPs 5 July 2016 Statement [redacted] edits  
**Attachments:** TPs 5 July 2016 Statement [redacted] edits.docx

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Had to ask... ☺

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 9:56 AM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: TPs 5 July 2016 Statement [redacted] edits

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**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 06, 2016 7:28 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: TPs 5 July 2016 Statement [redacted] edits

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Just FYI – here’s a draft of the TPs that the EAD asked for. He’s going to review this in the morning and give me his feedback. Obviously, any thoughts/comments are welcome, but not required, as this likely will change, as I’m still waiting to circle back with [redacted] about what kind of TPs the DD wants.

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Thanks,  
[redacted]

**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 06, 2016 5:50 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** TPs 5 July 2016 Statement [redacted] edits

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Latest draft of the TPs attached. I’m going to give this to Steinbach for his input, and welcome any changes or comments you may have.

Thanks!

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 10:33 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Immunity questions

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**From:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Immunity questions

Thanks!

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/07/2016 9:59 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** Immunity questions

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Jim,

I've been getting third hand questions about grants of immunity in the case and there appears [redacted]

[Large redacted block]

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b7E -4

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,  
pete

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterterrorism Section (CIS)



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:45 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

Just talked to [redacted] he's going to hit up Andy to make sure everyone is fine with Qs getting answered like this...

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fw: Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

Jim, I posed below question to [redacted] but wanted to highlight for you as well [redacted]

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:28 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fw: Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

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[redacted] - we're getting these OPA questions kind of helter-skelter. [redacted]

**From:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:45 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (NY) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:23 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Dean, Matthew  
**Subject:** Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

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security and other... security clearances.

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Thanks,

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Department of Justice & Federal Law Enforcement Producer  
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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:51 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Transcript

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thanks

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**From:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:49 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Transcript

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I'll ask now.

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:48 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]; Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Subject:** Transcript

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Would either of you ask OCA for a transcript of D's testimony? Will likely get auctioned faster coming from you than from me [redacted] per our discussion, we'll begin review.

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
FBIHQ

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[redacted] (C)

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 7:23 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

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**Date:** 07/07/2016 7:20 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Cc:** "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (NY) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Clinton Attorneys Security Clearance Question

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[redacted]

For this particular question, the Deputy would like you to continue to hold on providing a response. We will likely provide responses to this question and some other questions about the accuracy of the testimony in a letter to the Committee.

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Thanks,

[redacted]

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**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/07/2016 4:44 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted] (CTD) (FBI) [redacted]  
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[redacted] (NY) (FBI)" [redacted] "Priestap,  
E W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
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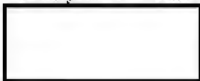
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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2016 7:21 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Revised TPs  
**Attachments:** TPs July 8 [redacted] edits.without chart.docx

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**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/08/2016 7:14 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** Revised TPs

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Thanks,

[redacted]

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Special Counsel to the EAD  
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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2016 7:50 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: LETTER FOR DIRECTOR COMEY

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**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/08/2016 7:44 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] Moffa,  
Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Cc:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: LETTER FOR DIRECTOR COMEY

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Thanks [redacted] we'll identify a tech contact at State. I spoke with my counterpart in DS this evening and they anticipate [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/08/2016 7:17 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C.  
(CD) (FBI); [redacted] "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Cc:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: LETTER FOR DIRECTOR COMEY

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All -

Late this afternoon, we met with CES and Fed Programs to discuss our options for handling the records in accordance with our preservation and consent obligations. [redacted]

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Please let know if you have any questions or concerns with this plan.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]

Date: 07/08/2016 6:30 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"

[Redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C.

(CD) (FBI) [Redacted]

Cc: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]

Subject: Fwd: LETTER FOR DIRECTOR COMEY

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From: SIOC [Redacted]

Date: 07/08/2016 6:26 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)"

[Redacted]

Cc: SIOC [Redacted]

Subject: LETTER FOR DIRECTOR COMEY

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[Redacted]

Per our conversation, the attached is being forwarded to you and CoS Rybicki.

[Redacted]

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2016 7:08 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Revised TPs  
**Attachments:** TPs July 8 [redacted] edits.without chart.docx

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You're aware of backstory on this relating to difference between Andy and Mike re target audience?

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2016 8:20 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
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 Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 7:15 PM  
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 Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]  
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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2016 9:05 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Revised TPs

Glad you're back....

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**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/10/2016 8:36 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Revised TPs

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Yeah, agree that this is not a good idea.

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**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
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**Subject:** RE: Revised TPs

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I'm really not sure why they continued working on these. In the morning, I'll make sure Andy tells Mike to keep these in his pocket. I guess Andy just didn't ever have a moment to turn these off with Mike like he said he would.

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(OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
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Pete,

The DD will need to approve these before they are pushed out to anyone. At the end of last week, he wasn't inclined to send them to anyone. But, it's great to have them on the shelf in case they're needed.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]

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Date: 07/10/2016 8:19 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[Redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD)

(FBI) [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)"

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**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 5:18 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Referrals from Congress question

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Great, thanks

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**From:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/11/2016 5:06 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Referrals from Congress question

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We're running this by Beth Beers at OCA as well.  
As stated we're trying to respond about referrals on investigations in a very general way.

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 5:04 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Referrals from Congress question

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Thanks Lisa. I have received allegations as described below [redacted]

[redacted]

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Thanks,  
Pete

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (C04)  
FBIHQ

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**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 4:56 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
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Adding DC Pete Strzok, as referrals of this variety would actually come to him.

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Hello,

SC Rich Quinn suggested I run some language by you. A reporter has asked us for background on how the process works when a member of Congress refers a matter to us for investigation. Although we are not discussing the HRC matter that is what has prompted inquiries about the process.

Please let us know if this is accurate:

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Thank you,

[redacted]

FBI National Press Office

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2016 5:36 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Clinton testimony

No. But that makes sense, too.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 07/12/2016 5:19 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Clinton testimony

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b7E -6

I thought you were going to ask her for the AG's testimony, no?

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2016 3:04 PM  
**To:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Clinton testimony

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b7C -1

Hi Beth,  
Would it be possible to get a copy of Secretary Clinton's testimony before the Benghazi Committee?  
Thanks,  
Pete

Peter P. Strzok II  
Section Chief  
Counterespionage Section (CD4)  
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