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From the Desk of Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton:

The Justice Department Confirms: Bill Clinton Now Holds Key to Releasing Hillary's White House Records



Bill Clinton has publicly stated his desire to have all of Hillary's records released as soon as possible, and he has blamed the National Archives for any delays. Well now, if these records continue to be withheld, there is no one to blame but Bill Clinton.

On Tuesday, January 28, the Justice Department confirmed that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) was on schedule to process 10,000 pages of Hillary Clinton's daily schedule records by Thursday, January 31, 2008, pursuant to [Judicial Watch's lawsuit](#) in the matter.

"NARA confirms that the Clinton Presidential Library is on track to adhere to the schedule represented to the Court in NARA's December 3 filing and at the December 17 hearing, and estimates that it will complete processing the daily schedule records by January 31, 2008 and will notify Presidential representatives shortly thereafter," wrote Justice Department trial attorney Helen Hong in a letter to Judicial Watch dated January 28, 2008.

So now, the ball is in Bill Clinton's court. And how quickly can we expect him to respond? That all depends. If Bill Clinton can be taken at his word (a colossal stretch) then there should be no delay at all.

In a November 30, 2007 interview with C-SPAN, the former president said he wanted, "...to push the release of more [White House records], including the request for documents about Hillary's time in the White House...I'd like it if the records got out there...but the American people just [need] to know, we're getting this stuff out there as soon as we can..."

Well, as of yesterday, all Bill Clinton has to do is say the word and Hillary's schedules will be released to the American people without delay. The clock is ticking...

(The National Archives, for its part, has the authority to release the records 30 days after notifying the president's representatives. The Archives will also report to the court the status of this presidential review on March 1, 2008.)

In other news related to Hillary's White House records, a recent court [pleading](#) by the government in [Judicial Watch's lawsuit](#) asks a court to put off the release of Hillary's health care records until at least 2009, just after the presidential elections in November. (The documents suggest that officials may begin to process some of the documents this year, but they make no promises as to when they'll be available.) The government also suggests certain categories of information will be walled off, per Bill Clinton's request, until 2013 (the fourth Clinton administration?).

The National Archives/Clinton Library does not want to do what it is supposed to do – make the Clinton records available to the public in a timely basis. Virtually every request for Clinton records has been stonewalled by the Clinton Library. We asked for the health care records two years ago and they haven't even begun to search for responsive documents.

Outrageous.

We were able to find a few documents there at the Clinton Library though. A couple of weeks ago, Judicial Watch released [incriminating new documents](#) that shed light on Hillary's attempt to stage a government takeover of our nation's health care system.

These documents paint a disturbing picture of how Hillary Clinton and the Clinton administration approached health care reform – secrecy, character assassination, and the misuse of government computers to track private and political information on citizens. And that's the material they deemed worthy of release! Imagine what they're trying to keep withheld until 2009 and beyond. All of Hillary's health care reform records must be released. Rest assured JW will ask a federal court judge to make sure that happens.

More Clinton Shady Connections

[The New York Times](#) published a fascinating story on Thursday documenting more Clinton lies – lies about the shady relationship between Bill and Hillary Clinton and Canadian mining financier, [Frank Giustra](#).

According to the Times, Bill Clinton accompanied Giustra on a trip to Kazakhstan in 2005 to help persuade the country's president, Nursultan A. Nazarbayev, to deliver Giustra a uranium mining contract. Giustra, a neophyte in the highly competitive uranium business, needed a trump card to secure the deal with Nazarbayev, and he found one in former President Bill Clinton.

During a midnight banquet between the three men, [The New York Times](#) reports that "Mr. Nazarbayev walked away from the table with a propaganda coup, after Mr. Clinton expressed enthusiastic support for the Kazakh leader's bid to head an international organization that monitors elections and supports democracy. Mr. Clinton's public declaration undercut both American foreign policy and sharp criticism of Kazakhstan's poor human rights record by, among others, Mr. Clinton's wife, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York."

Giustra, meanwhile, got what he came for. Within two days he consummated a "monster" uranium mining deal that instantly transformed his company into one of the world's largest uranium producers. Ultimately, the deals could net Giustra tens of millions of dollars personally.

But here's the real million dollar question: What did Bill Clinton get in return for greasing the wheels for Giustra?

"Just months after the Kazakh pact was finalized, Mr. Clinton's charitable foundation received its own windfall: a \$31.3 million donation from Mr. Giustra that had remained a secret until he acknowledged it last month. The gift, combined with Mr. Giustra's more recent and public pledge to give the William J. Clinton Foundation an additional \$100 million, secured Mr. Giustra a place in Mr. Clinton's inner circle, an exclusive club of wealthy entrepreneurs in which friendship with the former president has its privileges."

Now, of course, Giustra and Clinton claim they traveled together to track the progress of Clinton's charitable foundation, not to consummate any uranium business deals. [But no one is buying it.](#)

"Neil MacDonald, the chief executive of a Canadian merchant bank that specializes in mining deals, said Mr. Giustra's financial success was partly due to a 'fantastic network' crowned by Mr. Clinton. 'That's a very solid relationship for him,' Mr. MacDonald said. 'I'm sure it's very much a two-way relationship because that's the way Frank operates.'

And we all know how Bill Clinton operates.

Leaving aside for a moment Bill Clinton's reckless interference with U.S. foreign policy, as I've said many times in this space before, Bill Clinton's business dealings around the world create serious conflicts of interest with respect to his wife's position in the Senate and potential seat in the Oval Office. Any deal that enriches Bill Clinton, enriches Hillary. And who is it that is expected to keep the promises former President Clinton issues behind closed doors to foreign dictators? Hillary Rodham Clinton.

NY State Supreme Court Rules Against Day Labor Site in Southampton, NY

Regular readers of the Weekly Update know that Judicial Watch is deeply committed to turning the tide against taxpayer funding for day labor sites for illegal aliens nationwide. And we've had some successes in this regard. Not only did Judicial Watch successfully shut down a day labor site in [Herndon, Virginia](#) last year, but officials in San Antonio, Texas recently scrapped plans for a day labor site following news of a possible Judicial Watch investigation.

And now this, according to the Easthampton Star: "Southampton Village Mayor Mark Epley's plan to turn a lot next to the 7-Eleven off North Sea Road into a hiring site has been struck down by a State Supreme Court justice. In a decision dated Jan. 2, Justice Jeffrey Arlen Spinner ordered that the property, which was bought with money from the community preservation fund, continue to be used for recreation as dictated by town law rather than commercial activity such as the hiring of day laborers."

When Judicial Watch first learned of the planned day labor site in Southampton Village, we filed a Freedom of Information Law request to determine whether or not officials abided by state laws governing the use of the land. The Village claimed it had not a single document responsive to our request. In other words, it was clear that officials had not undertake even the most cursory review of the legal issues involved in purchasing lands through the community preservation fund, a public fund with strict rules when used to purchase land.

Judicial Watch then filed an [amicus curiae brief](#) with the court to make its legal argument in support of residents and taxpayers opposed to the day labor site. The court avoided ruling directly on the issue of taxpayer support for illegal aliens and refused to consider JW's brief. Yet, in the end, the objections raised by Judge Spinner are virtually identical to those raised by Judicial Watch in its brief. Here's an excerpt from our brief:

"...logic and common sense would seem to indicate that the use of the CPF Land as a hiring site for day labor is inconsistent with the requirements governing the use of land purchased with CPF monies. Rather, it would appear that the Village views the CPF Land as a convenient depository for all of the 'adverse impacts on public health, safety, and welfare' to which Mayor Epley referred to his affidavit to the court. Clearly, the Villages proposed use of the CPF Land to create and operate a hiring site for day laborers is contrary to state law."

Thankfully, the court essentially agreed with Judicial Watch, forcing the Village to abandon its plans for yet another day labor site for illegal aliens.
Until next week...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Fitton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Fitton
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