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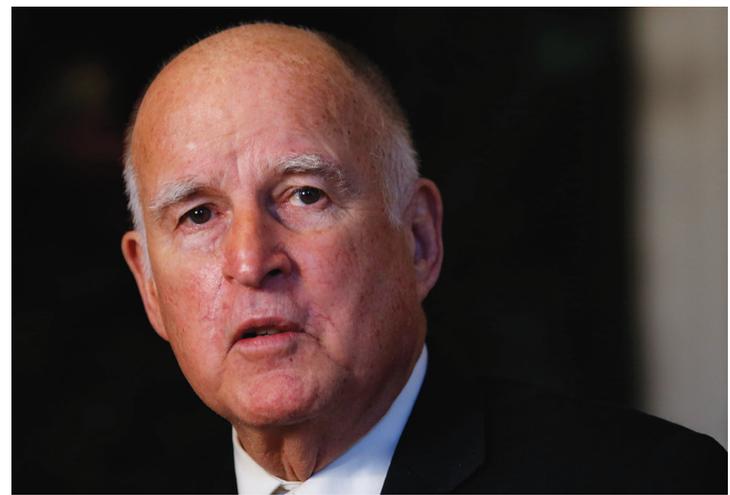
CA and L.A. County To Remove Up To 1.5 Million Inactive Voters, Settle JW Lawsuit

Judicial Watch signed a settlement agreement with the state of California and county of Los Angeles under which they will begin the process of removing from their voter registration rolls as many as 1.5 million inactive registered names that may be invalid. These removals are required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

The NVRA is a federal law requiring the removal of inactive registrations from the voter rolls after two general federal elections (encompassing from two to four years). Inactive voter registrations belong, for the most part, to voters who have moved to another county or state or have passed away.

Los Angeles County has over 10 million residents, more than the populations of 41 of the 50 United

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Former California Governor Jerry Brown

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Clinton Files Answers Under Oath About Email System In JW Discovery



BY EVAN EL-AMIN

Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton on December 14, 2018 submitted additional written answers under oath about her email system. Clinton testified that she used the controversial email system for the “purpose of convenience.” Clinton initially objected and refused to answer the questions, but was ordered to do so by U.S. District Court Judge G. Emmet Sullivan.

The court ordered Clinton to “[D]escribe the creation of the clintonemail.com domain name and the decision to set the domain up on the existing server, the date it was decided to create the domain and set it up on the existing server, who made those decisions, and when the domain became operational on the existing server.”

Mrs. Clinton answered under oath:

“Subject to and without waiving the foregoing

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States. California is America's largest state, with almost 40 million residents.

Judicial Watch filed a 2017 federal lawsuit to force the cleanup of voter rolls (*Judicial Watch, Inc., et al. v. Dean C. Logan, et al.* (No. 2:17-cv-08948)). JW sued on its own behalf and on behalf of Wolfgang Kupka, Rhue Guyant, Jerry Griffin and Dolores M. Mars, who are lawfully registered voters in Los Angeles County. Judicial Watch was also joined by Election Integrity Project California, Inc., a public interest group that has long been involved in monitoring California's voter rolls.

In its lawsuit, Judicial Watch alleged:

- Los Angeles County has more voter registrations on its voter rolls than it has citizens who are old enough to register. Specifically, according to data provided to and published by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Los Angeles County has a registration rate of 112 percent of its adult citizen population.



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“Judicial Watch and its clients are thrilled with this historic settlement that will clean up election rolls in Los Angeles County and California — and set a nationwide precedent to ensure that states take reasonable steps to ensure that dead and other ineligible voters are removed from the rolls.”

~ *Judicial Watch President*
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- The entire state of California has a registration rate of about 101 percent of its age-eligible citizenry.
- Eleven of California's 58 counties have registration rates exceeding 100 percent of the age-eligible citizenry.

The lawsuit confirmed that Los Angeles County has on its rolls more than 1.5 million potentially ineligible voters. This means that more than one out of every five LA County registrations likely belongs to a voter who has moved or is deceased. Judicial Watch notes that “Los Angeles County has the highest number of inactive registrations of any single county in the country.”

The Judicial Watch lawsuit also uncovered that neither the state of California nor Los Angeles County had been removing inactive voters from the voter registration rolls for the past 20 years. The Supreme Court affirmed last year in *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Inst.*, 138 S. Ct. 1833 (2018), that the NVRA “makes

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JW Testifies Before Congress About Clinton Foundation Ethics/Pay-To-Play

By Tom Fitton



JUDICIAL WATCH

On December 13, 2018, I was honored to testify on behalf of Judicial Watch before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's Subcommittee on Government Operations in a hearing titled, "Oversight of Nonprofit Organizations: A Case Study on the Clinton Foundation." Here is an abridged version of my opening statement on this major scandal:

Judicial Watch has had long-standing concerns with the Clintons' ethics and respect for the rule of law. So, it was with some skepticism that we greeted Hillary Clinton's promises 10 years ago to avoid conflicts of interest with her Foundation and her husband's business activities as secretary of state.

She pledged that as secretary of state, she would not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which The William J. Clinton Foundation (or the Clinton Global Initiative) is a party or represents a party; and the Clintons promised that President Clinton's speeches and business activities would undergo a State Department ethics review and that the Clinton Foundation would disclose its donors online and agree to significant restrictions on support from foreign governments.

Judicial Watch had zero con-

fidence in these promises, so we began immediately monitoring the ethics process for the Clintons and submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in 2011.

The Clinton State Department leadership ignored our FOIA request and we sued after waiting for two years. Our 2013 lawsuit produced documents showing the State Department rubber-stamped President Clinton's and the Clinton Foundation's ethics review requests, which we dealed in a report with the *Washington Examiner* in 2014:

"A joint investigation by the *Washington Examiner* and the nonprofit watchdog group Judicial Watch found that former President Clinton gave 215 speeches and earned \$48 million while his wife presided over U.S. foreign policy, raising questions about whether the Clintons fulfilled ethics agreements related to the Clinton Foundation during Hillary Clinton's tenure as secretary of state."

State Department officials charged with reviewing Bill Clinton's proposed speeches — some of which were delivered in global hotspots and were paid for by



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~ Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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entities with business or policy interests in the U.S. — did not object to a single one. And, the State Department approved a consulting agreement between Bill Clinton and a controversial Clinton Foundation adviser, Doug Band.

The consultancy with Band's Teneo Strategy ended eight months later following an uproar over Teneo's ties to the failed investment firm MF Global. The memos approving Mr. Clinton's speeches were routinely copied to Cheryl Mills, Hillary Clinton's senior counsel and chief of staff. Additionally, an inspection by the *Examiner* and JW of donations to the Clinton Foundation, Hillary Clinton's personal financial disclosure forms and the State Department conflict-of-interest reviews show that at least \$48 million flowed to the Clintons' personal coffers from many entities that clearly had interests in influencing the Obama administration — and perhaps currying favor with a future president as well.

Saudi Arabia, for example, was a key Clinton benefactor.

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this removal mandatory.”

The new settlement agreement, filed with U.S. District Court Judge Manuel L. Real, requires all of the 1.5 million potentially ineligible registrants to be notified and asked to respond. If there is no response, those names are to be removed as required by the NVRA. California Secretary of State Padilla also agrees to update the state’s online NVRA manual to make clear that ineligible names must be removed and to notify each California county that they are obligated to do this. This should lead to cleaner voter rolls statewide.

Judicial Watch has estimated that based on comparisons of national census data to voter-roll information, there were 3.5 million more names on various county voter rolls than there were citizens of voting age. This settlement could cut this number in half.

This is only the third statewide settlement achieved by private plaintiffs under the NVRA — and Judicial Watch was the plaintiff in each of those cases. The other statewide settlements were with Ohio (in 2014) and with Kentucky (2018), which agreed to a court-ordered consent decree.

“This settlement vindicates Judicial Watch’s groundbreaking lawsuits to clean up state voter rolls to help



California voter registration

ensure cleaner elections,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Judicial Watch and its clients are thrilled with this historic settlement that will clean up election rolls in Los Angeles County and California — and set a nationwide precedent to ensure that states take reasonable steps to ensure that dead and other ineligible voters are removed from the rolls.”

Judicial Watch Attorney Robert Popper is the director of the organization’s Election Integrity Project and led the Judicial Watch legal team in this litigation.

Judicial Watch is the national leader in enforcing the list maintenance provisions of the NVRA. In addition to its settlement agreements with Ohio and win in Kentucky, Judicial Watch also filed a successful NVRA lawsuit against Indiana, causing it to voluntarily clean up its voting rolls, and has an ongoing lawsuit with the state of Maryland.

Judicial Watch helped the state of Ohio successfully defend their settlement agreement before the Supreme Court. In North Carolina, Judicial Watch supported implementation of the state’s election integrity reform laws, filing *amicus* briefs in the Supreme Court in March 2017. And,

in April 2018, Judicial Watch filed an *amicus* brief in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in support of Alabama’s voter ID law. In Georgia, Judicial Watch filed an *amicus* brief

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in support of Secretary Brian Kemp’s list maintenance process against a lawsuit by left-wing groups. Judicial Watch and Georgia won when the Supreme Court ruled in Ohio’s favor.

Judicial Watch was assisted in this case by Charles H. Bell Jr., of Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP; and H. Christopher Coates of the Law Office of H. Christopher Coates. 



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The oil-producing giant has had a relationship with the Clintons dating back to Bill Clinton's time as governor of Arkansas.

In Saudi Arabia, alone, the Clinton Foundation received staggering sums from Saudi benefactors — between \$18 million and \$50 million. While Hillary Clinton served as secretary of state, Bill Clinton gave two speeches in Saudi Arabia, earning a total of \$600,000.

In Russia, Bill Clinton gave two speeches for \$625,000. One was to the Russian investment bank Renaissance Capital, which was involved in the Uranium One deal. As a federal court noted in December 2018, in an opinion granting Judicial Watch additional discovery into Hillary Clinton's emails, this Clinton email issue was “one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency.”

After its lawsuits forced the disclosure of the Clinton email server, another Judicial Watch lawsuit broke open what is now known as the Clinton Foundation “pay-to-play scandal.”

Emails uncovered by Judicial Watch demonstrate that Clinton Foundation donors and supporters received special favors and consideration from the Clinton State Department.

Illustrative is a 2009 email in which Band directs Abedin and Mills to put Lebanese-Nigerian billionaire and Clinton Foundation donor Gilbert Chagoury in touch with the State Department's “substance person” on Lebanon. Band notes that Chagoury is “key guy there [Lebanon] and to us,” and insists that Abedin call Amb. Jeffrey Feltman to connect him to Chagoury.

Chagoury is a close friend of former President Bill Clinton and a top donor to the Clinton Foundation. He has appeared near the top of the Foundation's donor

list as a \$1 million to \$5 million contributor, according to Foundation documents. He also pledged \$1 billion to the Clinton Global Initiative. According to a 2010 investigation by PBS *Frontline*, Chagoury was convicted in 2000 in Switzerland for laundering money from Nigeria, but agreed to a plea deal and repaid \$66 million to the Nigerian government.

Judicial Watch has since uncovered many other instances of seeming pay to play and favoritism for the Clinton Foundation at the Clinton State Department.

Again illustrative is Crown Prince Salman of Bahrain. A Judicial Watch-obtained Huma Abedin-Doug Band email exchange from 2009 revealed that Crown Prince Salman of Bahrain requested a meeting with Secretary of State Clinton but was forced to go through the Clinton Foundation for an appointment. Abedin advised Band that when she went through “normal channels” at State, Clinton declined to meet. After Band intervened, however, the meeting was set up within 48 hours. According to the Clinton Foundation website, in 2005, Salman committed to establishing the Crown Prince's

International Scholarship Program (CPISP) for the Clinton Global Initiative. And by 2010, it had spent \$32 million in conjunction with CGI. The Kingdom of Bahrain reportedly gave between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to the Clinton Foundation. And Bahrain Petroleum also gave an additional \$25,000 to \$50,000.

It was hard to tell, in light of the evidence amassed by Judicial Watch, where the Clinton State Department ended and where the Clinton Foundation began.

Then there is the Uranium One controversy. At the time, a Russian state-owned nuclear firm, Rosatom, sought to buy Uranium One, a Canadian mining company. Because Uranium One held licenses for 20 percent of America's uranium production capacity, the sale had to be approved by the nine members of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who assented to the transaction. Uranium One interests contributed more than \$140 million to the Clinton Foundation.

In January 2008, Judicial Watch took special note that Bill Clinton had helped Vancouver mining mogul Frank Giustra secure tens of millions of dollars' worth of uranium. Giustra built a company that became part of Uranium One. The Clinton Foundation later received a \$31.3 million donation, as well as a future pledge of \$100 million.

As discussed above, Judicial Watch released more than 200 Clinton conflict-of-interest documents in 2014, including a record of a speech by Bill Clinton in Moscow in June 2010 sponsored by the investment bank Renaissance Capital addressing the theme, “Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Going Global.” The document notes that “Renaissance Capital is an investment bank

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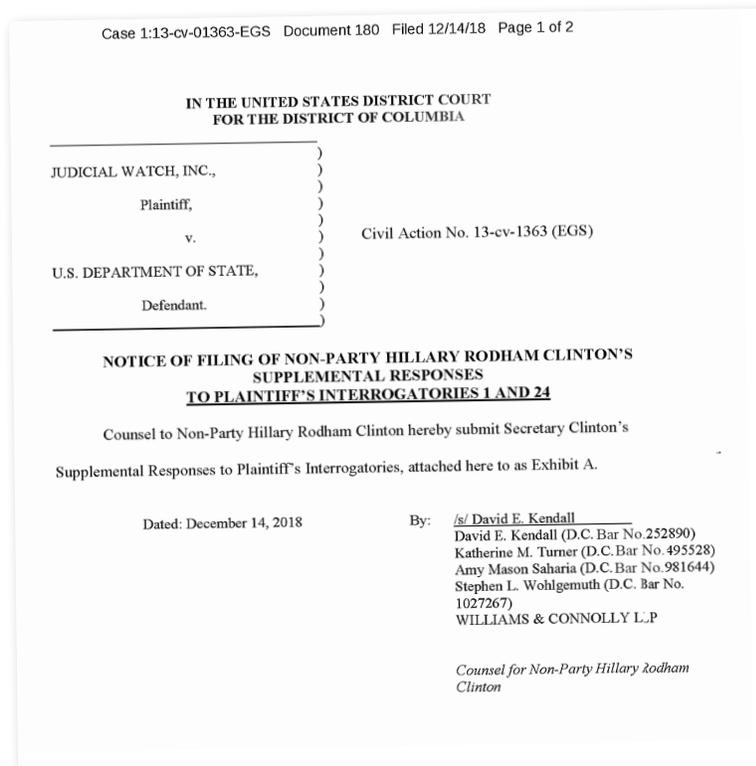
objections, Secretary Clinton answers as follows:

- “As Secretary Clinton prepared in late 2008/early 2009 to serve as Secretary of State, she was aware that President Clinton’s office had set up an email system, but she had no role in this process.
- “Secretary Clinton knew that President Clinton’s staff had recently upgraded that system.
- “Secretary Clinton does not know what equipment that system used, how it was created, who decided that the system needed to be upgraded, or who else had accounts on the system.
- “Secretary Clinton believes that one of the President’s aides, Justin Cooper, set up the system.
- “Secretary Clinton decided to use a clintonemail.com account on the system for the purpose of convenience.
- “Secretary Clinton recalls that the clintonemail.com account was created in early 2009. Although Secretary Clinton does not have specific knowledge of the details of the creation of the account, the ‘domain,’ or the ‘domain name,’ her best understanding is that Mr. Cooper set it up.”

“Mrs. Clinton’s assertion that she used a separate email system as a matter of ‘convenience’ is simply not credible and is belied by evidence and testimony. We intend to pursue additional questions with Mrs. Clinton and others on this blatant attempt to hide her emails from Judicial Watch, the courts, Congress and the American people.”

~ *Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton*

Hillary Clinton court submission of answers to questions about her email system



To another question regarding her October 22, 2015 testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Benghazi, during which she testified that 90 to 95 percent of her emails “were in the State’s system” and “if they wanted to see them, they would certainly have been able to do so,” Clinton suggests she learned this from her attorneys, who seem to have guessed this answer.

In a separate Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit that first led to the disclosure of the “private” Clinton email system, U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth called the Clinton email issue “one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency” and ordered additional discovery into whether Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email system while Secretary of State was an intentional attempt to “stymie” FOIA.

“Mrs. Clinton’s assertion that she used a separate email system as a matter of ‘convenience’ is simply not credible and is belied by evidence and testimony,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “We intend to pursue additional questions with Mrs. Clinton and others on this blatant attempt to hide her emails from Judicial Watch, the courts, Congress and the American people.”

In 2016, Clinton was required to submit under oath written answers to Judicial Watch’s questions. Clinton objected to and refused to answer questions about the creation of her email system; her decision

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focused on the emerging markets of Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and sub-Saharan Africa. Renaissance Capital has also been linked to Russian efforts to gain control of Uranium One.

According to a 2013 *New York Times* report, the Clinton Foundation hid many of the beneficiaries of the Uranium One deal approved by CFIUS and Mrs. Clinton:

“As the Russians gradually assumed control of Uranium One in three separate transactions from 2009 to 2013, Canadian records show, a flow of cash made its way to the Clinton Foundation.

“Uranium One’s chairman used his family foundation to make four donations totaling \$2.35 million. Those contributions were not publicly disclosed by the Clintons, despite an agreement Mrs. Clinton struck with the Obama White House to publicly identify all donors. Other

people with ties to the company made donations as well.

“And, shortly after the Russians announced their intention to acquire a majority stake in Uranium One, Mr. Clinton received \$500,000 for a Moscow speech from a Russian investment bank [Renaissance Capital] with links to the Kremlin that was promoting Uranium One stock.”

The evidence is ample to warrant serious investigation of the Clinton Foundation. And, there is evidence that a serious investigation of the Clinton Foundation was suppressed by the Obama Justice Department. In January 2018, reports surfaced that the FBI reportedly launched a new investigation into potential Clinton Foundation pay to play but there has been no indication it is proceeding.

A video of the complete hearing is available on YouTube: <http://jwatch.us/TomTestimony>. My full opening statement begins at minute mark 11:54. **TF**

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to use the system despite warnings from State Department cybersecurity officials; and the basis for her claim that the State Department had “90 to 95 percent” of her emails.

After a lengthy hearing on November 13, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled that Clinton must address two questions that she refused to answer under oath.

Judge Sullivan read his opinion from the bench, deciding that the question about the creation of the email system was within the scope of discovery. Judge Sullivan rejected Clinton’s assertion of attorney-client privilege on the question about the

emails “in the State’s system.”

The answers now provided by Clinton are the latest development in a Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuit about the controversial employment status of Huma Abedin, former deputy chief of staff to Clinton. The lawsuit, which seeks records regarding the authorization for Abedin to engage in outside employment while employed by the Department of State, was reopened because of revelations about the clintonemail.com system (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:13-cv-01363)). The court also granted discovery to Judicial Watch to help determine if and how Clinton’s email system thwarted FOIA. **JW**

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Court Report

State Dept. Gave Classified Docs To Senators Just Before Trump Inauguration

Judicial Watch obtained two sets of heavily redacted State Department documents, 38 pages and 48 pages, showing classified information was researched and disseminated to multiple U.S. senators by the Obama administration immediately prior to President Donald Trump's inauguration. The documents reveal that among those receiving the classified documents were Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) and notable anti-Trump Republican Sen. Robert Corker (R-TN).

Judicial Watch obtained the documents through a June 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the State Department after it failed to respond to a February 2018 request seeking records of the Obama State Department's last-minute efforts to share classified information about Russia's alleged election-interference issues with Democratic Senator Ben Cardin (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:18-cv-01381)).

The documents reveal the Obama State Department urgently gathering classified Russia investigation information and disseminating it to members of Congress within hours of Donald Trump's taking office.

In a Thursday, January 5, 2017 email chain, then-State Department Congressional Adviser Hera Abassi indicates that then-Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland's bureau was attempting to get Russian investigation-related documents to the office of Senator Mark Warner's office as quickly as possible.



Senator Ben Cardin, (D-MD)

(In June 2016, Nuland permitted a meeting between Christopher Steele and the FBI's legal attaché in Rome. Nuland told CBS News that the State Department knew about the Steele dossier on Trump by July 2016.)

In the email, with the subject line "For Immediate Review — Call Sheet for S Call with Senator Warner," Abassi writes:

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"I told Cardin's folks ... that the process is long. Can we ensure that there are no holdups on our end?"

Minutes later, Abassi confirms that Nuland was fully aware of the information that the State Department was providing to members of Congress alleging Russia interference information:

"This is definitely on EUR A/S radar!"

Leaving no doubt that the State Department officials knew they were transmitting classified information, in a Wednesday, January 18, 2017 email with the subject line, "Cables/M," former Foreign Service Officer Kerem Bilge writes to State Department Congressional Adviser

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Hilary Johnson and others: “Highest class is SECRET/NOFORN.”

Johnson replies:

“FYI — so we can keep the SECRET/NOFORN header, and should declassify it 25 years from tomorrow.

“I forwarded the fully cleared version to the two of you on the high side, but let me know if there’s anything else you need from me on this. [Editor’s note: ‘high side’ is a State Department term for high security classification system.]

“Note: we’ll need to make sure there is someone in Senate security tomorrow who can accept these.”

On Wednesday, January 18, 2017, Johnson confirms that classified documents were sent to Senator Corker in addition to Senator Cardin:

“Flagging that I sent you a high side request for clearance of the draft transmittal letter to send documents to Senators Corker and Cardin.”

Also involved in providing classified information to members of the Senate was Naz Durakoglu, senior adviser to the assistant secretary for European and Eurasian affairs. In an email dated Thursday, January 19, 2017 with the subject line, “Signed, sealed, delivered.” Durakoglu apparently confirms that Obama State Department officials were eager to provide the classified material before Trump was sworn into office. Durakoglu states:

“We made the deadline! Thank you everyone for what was truly a department-wide effort!”

President Trump was inaugurated less than 24 hours later.

In a Wednesday, January 18, 2017 email, Naz Durakoglu signed off on the document transmittal letter on behalf of her bureau. This letter accompanied “the documents to Senator Corker and Cardin.”

In a Thursday, January 19, 2017 email, Durakoglu appears to confirm that she is who carried the documents from the State Department to Capitol Hill. She states: “I will be carrying over the cables to the Hill.”

“These documents show remarkable evidence of the nonstop, unethical effort in the Obama State Department to gather and send its own dossier of classified information on Russia in an effort to discredit the incoming Trump administration,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

According to a March 2017 report in *The Baltimore Sun*:

“Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin received classified information about Russia’s involvement in elections when the Obama administration was attempting to disseminate that material widely across the government in order to aid in future investigations, according to a report Wednesday... Obama officials were concerned, according to the report [in *The New York Times*], that the Trump administration would cover up intelligence once power changed hands.”

Judicial Watch has confirmed through previously obtained State Department documents that the Obama State Department did, in fact, provide classified documents to Senator Cardin. The documents also show Russian political interference in elections and politics in countries across Europe. In a section of the documents provided to Cardin titled, “Political Parties,” and marked as sensitive,

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**“We made the deadline!
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was truly a department-
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*~Former senior adviser to the
assistant secretary for European
and Eurasian Affairs, less than 24
hours before Trump inauguration*

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Russia reportedly sought to foster relationships with groups in Germany, Austria and France, to include paying members to travel to conferences in Crimea and Donbas, “where they stoutly defend Russian policy.”

The following section, “Pro-Kremlin NGOs and Think Tanks,” also marked as sensitive, discusses the Russian government-funded Caucasus Research Network, which helped to spread anti-EU and NATO reports throughout the region. Also discussed is the Human Rights Accountability Global Initiative, which was founded by Natalia Veselnitskaya. The Initiative reportedly was “working to erode support for the Magnitsky Act, which imposes sanctions on... gross human rights violations. The organization screened an anti-Magnitsky film at Washington’s Newseum in June.”

The Magnitsky Act attracted public attention earlier in 2018 when it was reported Veselnitskaya obtained a meeting with Donald Trump Jr. with the purpose of seeking to undermine the Act. It has been reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin wanted to repeal the Act at least in part because it targeted top Russian officials who had committed human rights violations and were the beneficiaries of a \$230 million tax fraud that Magnitsky exposed. JW

JW Sues Justice Dept. For Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Security Detail Costs

Judicial Watch on November 2, 2018 filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice for records of costs incurred by and logs maintained by the security detail for Special Counsel Robert Mueller (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-02537)).

Judicial Watch filed suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after the agency failed to respond adequately to its March 19, 2018 FOIA request for:

- “All records reflecting expenses incurred by, and disbursements of funds for, the security detail for Special Counsel Robert Mueller; and
- “All logs maintained by the security detail assigned to Special Counsel Robert Mueller.”

The special counsel's office reportedly has spent over \$25 million so far.



Special Counsel Robert Mueller

AP PHOTO/J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE, FILE

In a related lawsuit filed in October 2017, the Justice Department had refused to release the proposed budget of Robert Mueller's special counsel office's but later was forced to release details from the heavily redacted August 2, 2017 memorandum in which Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein granted broad authority to Special Counsel

Robert Mueller, three months after Mueller's appointment. The initial appointment memo, controversially, was written in May 2017.

“The Justice Department, the FBI and Special Counsel Mueller continue to operate as if they are above the law,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The

American people have a right to know how much taxpayer money is being thrown at Mueller's massive investigation. Judicial Watch has never before seen this level of secrecy surrounding the operation of a special or independent counsel.”

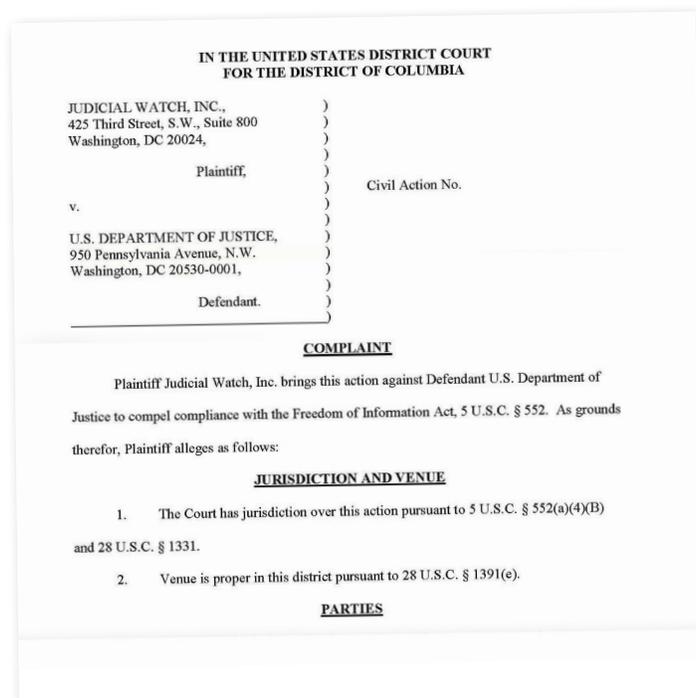
Judicial Watch is pursuing numerous additional FOIA lawsuits related to the surveillance, unmasking and illegal leaking targeting President Trump and his associates during the FBI's investigation of potential Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election. **JW**

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Judicial Watch FOIA complaint seeking details on Mueller investigation budget



Chronicles

“Crisis” Of Seriously Ill Migrants At Border— TB, Pneumonia, Influenza, Parasites

Weeks after mainstream media outlets reported that illegal immigrants don't bring disease into the United States, the Border Patrol reveals that it is getting slammed daily with dozens of illegal immigrants carrying “serious illnesses.” This includes tuberculosis, influenza and pneumonia. In fact, a Guatemalan migrant who died in U.S. custody on Christmas Eve had influenza B, a virus that causes respiratory infections.

Federal agents are referring 50 illegal immigrants a day for urgent medical care, according to figures obtained by *The Washington Times*, D.C.'s conservative newspaper. Authorities say “it's unlike anything they've ever seen before.” Many of the migrants have tuberculosis, parasites or the flu, the feds confirm. There also are lots of pregnant women about to give birth. The article quotes Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner Kevin McAleenan saying that most of the illegal immigrants were sick when they arrived at the U.S. border:

“Many were ill before they departed their homes. We're talking about cases of pneumonia, tuberculosis, parasites. These are not things that developed urgently in a matter of days.”

A separate story published by *USA Today* on New Year's Eve discloses that in the last few weeks of 2018, more than 450 illegal immigrants required medical attention for illnesses. More than half were children. In the piece, CBP Commissioner



Central American migrants in Tijuana, Mexico, cross a bridge to the U.S. border

McAleenan refers to the situation as a “crisis.” Here's an excerpt from the article:

“The ill migrants have been arriving with all kinds of ailments, many with flu or pneumonia that

Judicial Watch has interviewed medical experts that confirm illegal immigrants do indeed pose a serious public health threat to the U.S. by bringing dangerous diseases into the country, including tuberculosis, dengue and chikungunya.

can be particularly pervasive and dangerous this time of year.”

The story proceeds to reveal that 17 illegal immigrants have been hospitalized and that the Coast Guard has been deployed to help, sending medical teams to Border Patrol sectors getting bombarded with sick migrants. They include Yuma and Tucson, Arizona, as well as the Rio Grande Valley.

It's unbelievable that a “news” narrative can change so quickly in just a few weeks. Right before Christmas, the mainstream media proclaimed illegal immigrants don't bring disease into the United States. In various articles, reporters took it a step further by claiming that migrants actually help fight disease. One story, published by NBC News and reiterated by various other

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outlets, focused on a study commissioned by a medical journal. One of the researchers received lots of print for declaring that migrants spreading disease is a “false argument” used to keep them out. The editor of the medical journal that conducted the study was quoted saying this: “In too many countries, the issue of migration is used to divide societies and advance a populist agenda.” The biased coverage marked a great example of the mainstream media distorting information to promote a liberal agenda.

Judicial Watch has interviewed medical experts that confirm illegal immigrants do indeed pose a serious public health threat to the U.S. by bringing dangerous diseases into the country. This includes tuberculosis, dengue and chikungunya. After returning from covering the Central American caravan along the Guatemala-Honduras border, Judicial Watch spoke with a prominent physician in a border state who warned that the migrants will undoubtedly bring infectious diseases into the United States. Among them are extremely drug-resistant strands of tuberculosis and mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue and chikungunya that are widespread in the region.

The same week, Judicial Watch published the story about the caravan health threat that a major newspaper reported on the health crisis created by the influx of Venezuelans fleeing to neighboring countries. The migrants are spreading malaria, yellow fever, diphtheria, dengue, tuberculosis and AIDS throughout South America. Many of the diseases had been considered eradicated in the neighboring Latin American countries, according to government officials cited in the article, which states that “contagion from Venezuela’s economic meltdown is starting to spread to neighboring countries — not financially, but literally,

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in the form of potentially deadly diseases carried among millions of refugees.” As an example, the story reveals that “measles reappeared with a vengeance” in a Brazilian city near the Venezuelan border that had declared the highly contagious airborne disease “vanquished” nearly two decades ago. “Measles already is spreading beyond the Brazilian Amazon to other Brazilian states, as well as Colombia, Peru and as far south as Argentina, according to recent Pan American Health Organization reports.” The article states:

“Other diseases racing through communities in Venezuela are now crossing borders and raising concerns among health authorities as far away as the U.S.”

Years ago, when Barack Obama let

tens of thousands of illegal immigrant minors into the country, health experts warned about the serious hazards to the American public. Most of the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) came from Central America, like the current caravan, and they crossed into the United States through Mexico, in the same way that the caravan expects to. Swine flu, dengue fever and Ebola were among the diseases that the hordes of UACs brought with them, according to lawmakers and medical experts interviewed by Judicial Watch during the influx.

At the time, a U.S. congressman, who also is a medical doctor, told Judicial Watch about the danger to the American public as well as the Border Patrol agents forced to care for the UACs. Former lawmaker Phil Gingrey referred to it as a “severe and dangerous” crisis because the Central American youths were importing infectious diseases considered to be largely eradicated in this country. Many migrants lack basic vaccinations such as those to prevent chicken pox or measles, leaving America’s young children and the elderly particularly susceptible, Gingrey pointed out then. To handle the escalating health crisis, the CDC activated an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that largely operated in secrecy. JW

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Obama's Fast And Furious Gunrunning Op Could Help Sinaloa Drug Lord's Defense

Obama's scandalous Mexican gunrunning operation could help in the defense of a notorious drug lord on trial in New York, and the feds are trying to ban its mention in the courtroom. It's yet another ripple effect of a shameful Obama experiment known as Operation Fast and Furious that let Mexican drug traffickers obtain U.S.-sold weapons. The failed program was run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and allowed guns from the U.S. to be smuggled into Mexico so they could eventually be traced to drug cartels. Instead, federal law enforcement officers lost track of hundreds of weapons, which were used in an unknown number of crimes, including the murder of U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry in Arizona.

Now Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, head of the Sinaloa drug cartel, wants to use Fast and Furious to strengthen his defense. The Sinaloa cartel is one of Mexico's most powerful criminal organizations, and Guzman has been charged with a multitude of crimes, including drug trafficking, illegal firearms, money laundering and conspiracy. Federal prosecutors say Guzman smuggled enormous amounts of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana

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U.S. intelligence agencies knew from the start that the Sinaloa cartel was the prime recipient of [Fast and Furious] weapons. Regardless, the United States continued the operation and lied to the Mexican government.

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Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, head of Mexico's Sinaloa cartel

into the United States and, as the leader of a multinational criminal enterprise, used violence — including torture and murder — to maintain an iron-fisted grip on the drug trade across the U.S.-Mexico border. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) refers to Guzman as one of the most dangerous and feared drug kingpins. He was extradited from Mexico in 2017.

In 2016, Judicial Watch obtained Justice Department documents showing that Fast and Furious weapons have been widely used by members of major Mexican drug cartels, including Guzman. The documents reveal that 94 Fast and Furious firearms have been recovered in Mexico City and 12 Mexican states, with the majority being seized in Sonora, Chihuahua, and Sinaloa. Of the weapons recovered, 82 were rifles and 12 were pistols. Twenty were involved in "violent recoveries," which means they were utilized in several mass killings. Among them was a .50 caliber rifle seized from Guzman's hideout in Los Mochis, Sinaloa, where eventually he was

arrested. Guzman's attorneys want to use Fast and Furious as part of the defense strategy, according to a New York newspaper covering the trial, and federal prosecutors are trying to stop it. The article contends the feds "are asking a federal judge to block any defense questions about the program in which federal agents allowed illegal weapons to flow over the border to Mexico in an effort to gain intelligence on drug cartels." Why? Prosecutors assert that, by focusing on the failures of Fast and Furious (and there are many), Guzman will "distract and confuse the jury."

The government pulled the same stunt when two of the men involved in Terry's murder were tried in federal court. A seasoned Border Patrol agent and Marine Corps veteran, Terry was killed by a Mexican gang member in 2010 in Peck Canyon, Arizona. Federal authorities say he was fatally shot when he and other agents encountered a group of men known as a "rip crew" (a criminal gang that attempts to steal from drug and alien smugglers) operating in

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a rural area north of Nogales. The guns — assault weapons known as AK-47s — were traced through their serial numbers to a Glendale, Arizona, dealer that led to a Phoenix man the feds repeatedly allowed to smuggle firearms into Mexico. Six men have been charged with crimes involving Terry's murder, and in 2018, the alleged assailant was extradited from Mexico. A few years ago, when two members of the rip crew were tried in connection with Terry's murder, federal prosecutors asked the judge to ban mentioning *Fast and Furious* during proceedings. The judge agreed, ruling that defendants could not refer to or elicit any testimony regarding the failed gunrunning operation. Terry's brother, Kent Terry, told Judicial Watch the government wants to keep *Fast and Furious* out of the limelight for political reasons. "It's upsetting," Kent Terry said:



AP PHOTO/MATT YORK

Two of these weapons were found at the fatal shooting of U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry

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Even Mexican media have reported that the Sinaloa drug cartel was

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~ Kent Terry, brother of murdered patrol agent Brian Terry

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able to access more weapons thanks to Operation *Fast and Furious*. One outlet published an in-depth piece, "*Fast and Furious: Arms for El Chapo*," which reveals U.S. intelligence agencies knew from the start that the Sinaloa cartel was the prime recipient of weapons. Regardless, the United States continued the operation and lied to the Mexican government, the article states. JW

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JW Files SCOTUS Brief Opposing Utah GOP Power Grab Aimed At Grassroots Activists

Republican Party leadership pushed through law to undermine party activists

Judicial Watch joined with Allied Educational Foundation (AEF) November 13, 2018 in filing an *amici curiae* brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in an effort to overturn a decision of the Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upholding a Utah law engineered by Republican legislators to compel Republican Party members to change the way they choose their political candidates.

Until 2014, GOP members, meeting in neighborhood and local caucuses, elected delegates to represent them at the party nominating convention, which then selected candidates to appear on the general election ballot. That changed when the Utah legislature enacted into law

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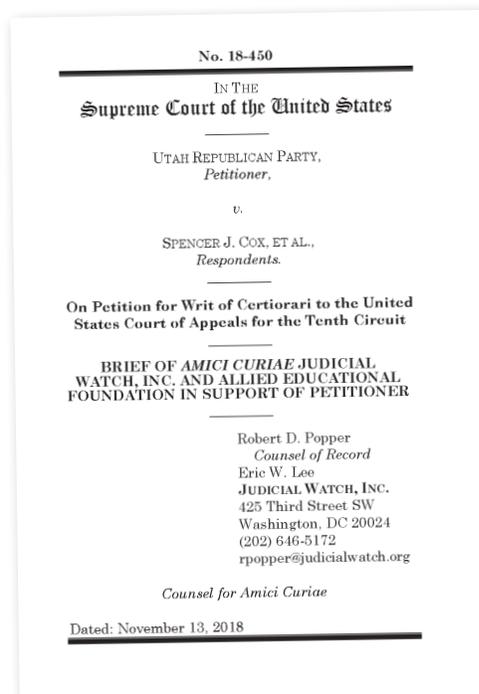
“As the Tenth Circuit majority acknowledged, the Utah Legislature that adopted SB 54 is ‘comprised of overwhelming Republican majorities in both the State House and State Senate.’

“In other words, members of the Utah Republican Party who could not convince fellow members to adopt the changes incorporated in SB 54 reconvened as legislators, voted their preferences into law, and in this way *compelled* their fellow members to accept these changes.

“The rationale offered for this party coup was remarkably thin.”

Judicial Watch also points to the importance of upholding the constitutional rights of free political associations:

“[T]he Tenth Circuit’s facile approach fails to do justice to a fundamental First Amendment right. As Alexis de Tocqueville discerned almost 180 years ago, free political associations are particularly important in a democratic system like ours, where the tendency is for individuals to go their own separate ways. As he also foresaw, governments



SB 54, which effectively compels parties to hold primary elections.

The law was challenged in the courts, was upheld by the Tenth Circuit and is on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court (*Utah Republican Party v. Spencer J. Cox, et al.* (No. 18-450)).

Judicial Watch argues that the Republican Party rammed through the legislature provisions they could not get voluntarily from their fellow party members:

“If allowed to stand, the Tenth Circuit’s decision will significantly degrade the associational rights of political parties. This result is

Judicial Watch and Allied Educational Foundation amici curiae brief

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INVESTIGATIVE BULLETIN

The New York Way: Corruption And Coverups

By Micah Morrison
Judicial Watch Investigative Reporter



The Christmas season in New York City truly is a wonderful time. Everyone seems caught up in the spirit of giving, even the crooks. Last year, Christmas brought a special gift: the denouement of the long-running saga of the mayor, the rat and the NYPD. Once, in an only-in-New-York moment, the rat and a key co-conspirator, both Orthodox Jews, dressed as Santa's elves and delivered pricey gifts to police officials at the center of a corruption scheme. Then there was the time they flew an NYPD deputy inspector and a detective to Vegas in a private jet with a hooker for Super Bowl weekend. And, the time the rat shoved \$60,000 in a Ferragamo handbag to pay off a union boss. They showered cash on public officials. They bought their police friends jewelry, cigars and meals at pricey restaurants. They paid for trips to Rome and Israel and the Dominican Republic.

In return, the NYPD did favors for the rat, Jona Rechnitz, and co-conspirator Jeremy Reichberg. In a midtown office, *The New York Times* reported, Rechnitz and Reichberg met with "people seeking help with police matters." The men would later "split the profits" after the problems were resolved. Tickets were fixed, jury duty was avoided, problems with business rivals and city officials



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio

went away. Reichberg got a license to carry a gun. Rechnitz was provided with high-speed police escorts to the airport. Police closed a lane in the Lincoln Tunnel to whisk a Rechnitz business associate into Manhattan.

Cash was bestowed on Bill de Blasio's political campaigns — a lot of it. "Love you brother," wrote de Blasio in an email to Rechnitz the day after his 2014 inauguration as mayor. And why not? Rechnitz himself had been showing de Blasio a lot of love, bundling more than \$41,000 for the mayor's campaign. And there was a lot more to come. The *New York Post* reports that Rechnitz and his allies

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raised upward of \$250,000 for entities linked to de Blasio.

Right after the new year, Reichberg was convicted in federal court on four corruption charges. His former friend, Jona Rechnitz, testified against him. Rechnitz had begun cooperating with federal authorities in April 2016, after being implicated in a \$12 million Ponzi scheme. In August, Rechnitz's testimony sent another former friend, union boss Norman Seabrook, to prison for bribery and conspiracy.

It's a mock epic of petty vanities and temptations and the erosion of values, of greed and corruption and the flouting of many laws by many people in positions of power. Alan Feuer tracked the sprawling saga for *The New York Times* in April, detailing a "Dickensian cast of characters" connected in an "intersecting web of venality and vice." Bill de Blasio shows up frequently but was charged with no wrongdoing. Lucky him.

Reichberg's co-defendant, former NYPD Deputy Inspector James Grant, was acquitted on all charges.

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AP PHOTO/HANS PENNING

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In Grant's case, prosecutors apparently failed to meet the public corruption standard set by the Supreme Court's 2016 *McDonnell* decision. *McDonnell* narrowed the legal definition of public corruption, mandating that prosecutors must show a clear quid pro quo "official act" benefiting a crooked scheme. Actions such as "setting up a meeting, talking to another official, or organizing an event" are not enough, the court ruled. "To qualify as an 'official act,' the public official must make a decision or take an action on that question or matter, or agree to do so."

Mayor de Blasio has spent the last two years running away from Reichberg and Rechnitz. In March 2017, city and federal prosecutors announced they would not bring charges against de Blasio for his fundraising practices, some which involved the crooked duo. But Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance criticized the de Blasio effort as a violation of the "intent and spirit" of state campaign finance laws.

In December, the *Post* revealed that it had located more than 20 undisclosed emails between Rechnitz and the mayor. The de Blasio administration had failed to produce the emails in response to the *Post's* request under New York's Freedom of Information Law. A de Blasio spokesman told the *Post* that the emails — some of which surfaced in redacted versions during the recent corruption trial — "weren't discovered in the search during the FOIL process."

How convenient.

The new emails show that de Blasio "had a much cozier relationship with Jona Rechnitz than he has admitted," the *Post* reported.

"Always stay in touch," de Blasio emailed Rechnitz.

"Call upon me anytime I can help," says another.

Rechnitz is a "brother," a "mensch," a "friend."

Sadly, the bromance did not last. By April 2016, as Rechnitz began cooperating with federal authorities, de Blasio started to distance himself from his friend. It turns out they were "not particularly close" after all, de Blasio said.

By October of last year, de Blasio was blasting Rechnitz as "a liar and a felon."

The mayor and the police commissioner continue to run away from the story. But for the NYPD, it's an important case. Read Feuer's comprehensive report for the galaxy of senior cops drawn into the scandal here: <http://jwatch.us/NewYorkCityGraft>

But, the case calls to mind the Knapp Commission's famous distinction between "grass eaters" and "meat eaters" in police corruption. Most of the improper behavior in the case was of the grass-eating, petty corruption variety — favors done, tickets fixed, etc. — rather than major league, meat-eating felonies committed for financial gain. Maybe that's why most of the cops involved were allowed to escape with "only" disgrace, demotion and early retirement. But corruption is a slippery slope and God knows what this crew would have done next, had they not been exposed by good police work.

The money was bigger for politicians involved in the scandal. Bill de Blasio took a beating in the press, but avoided prosecution. Union head Norman Seabrook was not so lucky. The slippery slope applies to public figures too, of course. Small crimes embolden bigger ones. What can you get away with? In New York, defying freedom of information laws has become routine. And around the country, the case of former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell has made prosecuting public corruption more difficult, raising the bar on honest-services fraud. 

Micah Morrison is chief investigative reporter for Judicial Watch.

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will tend to view private political associations as enemies and will try to restrict their freedom. *Amici* respectfully submits that the Court plays a vital role in defending these institutions from needless government encroachments and intrusions — like those SB 54 imposes on the Utah Republican Party."

"Republican power-brokers in Utah hate party conventions, which they can't control, so they passed an unconstitutional law to control the party at the expense of grassroots activists," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "The Supreme Court should not allow this to stand."

The Allied Educational Foundation is a charitable and educational foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life through education. In furtherance of that goal, the Foundation has engaged in a number of projects, which include, but are not limited to, educational and health conferences domestically and abroad. AEF has partnered frequently with Judicial Watch to fight government and judicial corruption and to promote a return to ethics and morality in the nation's public life. 



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In the Media

At U.S. Supreme Court Argument, Indiana Claims It Can Forfeit Cars For Speeding, Minor Drug Crimes

Forbes

November 29, 2018

Arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday, Indiana's solicitor general was already trying to defend confiscating a \$42,000 Land Rover taken from Tyson Timbs, who sold less than \$400 worth of drugs. Before the day was through though, Solicitor General Thomas Fisher found himself arguing that the Constitution would let him forfeit luxury cars caught going five miles over the speed limit.

Both scenarios involved civil forfeiture, which allows law enforcement agencies to seize and keep property, even over the most tenuous links to wrongdoing, as well as the Eighth Amendment's ban on excessive fines. During Wednesday's oral argument, Fisher claimed that the latter didn't apply to the former.

Even before Wednesday's argument, which saw Gorsuch and Sotomayor offering some of the harshest criticisms of civil forfeiture, the Timbs case had already scrambled many ideological lines. Dozens of organizations filed 18 separate *amicus* briefs in support of Timbs. As a result, progressive heavyweights like the ACLU, the NAACP, and the Southern Poverty Law Center found themselves on the same side as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, **Judicial Watch**, and other conservative groups. Meanwhile, left-leaning municipal organizations, including the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, jointly filed the only *amicus* brief agreeing with Indiana's position.



JW President Tom Fitton appears on Fox News with host Todd Piro, January 2019

Judge Orders Clinton Email Handling Evidence to Be Disclosed

Bloomberg News
December 6, 2018

A federal judge ordered the U.S. State Department to disclose possible evidence whether Hillary Clinton used her private email while she was secretary of state to intentionally flout public information requests for government documents.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth in Washington on Thursday directed the State Department to work up a plan to provide relevant records to **Judicial Watch**, a conservative watchdog group that sued for emails related to the attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi.

Judge orders more fact-finding in Clinton email case

Politico
December 12, 2018

The email controversy that dogged Hillary Clinton through much of the 2016 presidential race could well be kicking around through the 2020 contest after a federal judge ordered additional fact-finding into whether Clinton's use of the private email sys-

tem was a deliberate effort to thwart the Freedom of Information Act.

In a scathing opinion issued Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth said that despite FBI, inspector general and congressional investigations into Clinton's use of a private account for all her email traffic during her four years as secretary of state, the conservative group **Judicial Watch** should be permitted to demand documents and additional testimony about the practice.

Reporter who broke news of Steele dossier used to surveil ex-Trump aide calls its claims largely 'false'

Fox News
Report by Paul Sperry
December 18, 2018

The salacious and unverified opposition research dossier cited by the FBI as its main justification to surveil a top Trump aide contains several claims that are "likely false," according to the Yahoo News reporter who was among the first to break the news of the dossier's existence.

Michael Isikoff's statements on John Ziegler's Free Speech Broadcast-

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ing podcast came a day before Michael Cohen adviser Lanny Davis reiterated that Cohen has never been to Prague — where, according to the dossier, he traveled to arrange a payment to Russian hackers during the 2016 presidential campaign.

But London court records show that contrary to the FBI's assessments, Steele briefed Yahoo News and other reporters in the fall of 2016 at the direction of Fusion GPS — the opposition research firm behind the dossier. The revelations were contained in heavily-redacted documents released earlier this year after a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by the organization [Judicial Watch](#).

Media's '19th nervous breakdown,' as Trump fulfills another campaign promise

The Hill

Op-ed by Chris Farrell, Judicial Watch Director of Investigations and Research

December 18, 2018

President Trump declared victory over ISIS in Syria on Dec. 19 and ordered the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the war-torn region, as well as a substantial reduction in forces

deployed in Afghanistan — winding down our 17-year entanglement in the “graveyard of empires.”

The next day, Defense Secretary James Mattis tendered his resignation, citing President Trump’s “right to have a Secretary of Defense whose views are better aligned with yours.” Mattis prefaced that acknowledgment of the president’s prerogative, highlighting a philosophical commonality that Mattis apparently no longer felt comfortable acting upon: “Like you, I have said from the beginning that the armed forces of the United States should not be the policeman of the world. Instead, we must use all tools of American power to provide for the common defense, including providing effective leadership to our alliances.”

There’s an interesting contradiction in the policy views articulated in the Mattis resignation. What changed? President Trump has been consistent in his desire to implement a sweeping “America First” strategy across all sectors of his administration. He is on-record as Citizen Trump, as early as 2012, calling for our withdrawal from Afghanistan, an end to wasteful military spending and endangering of U.S. forces, and the investment of taxpayer dollars back into rebuilding

America. No surprise, then; this decision reflects consistency of messaging and action. Promises made, promises kept.

California and Los Angeles County to Remove 1.5 Million Inactive Voters from Voter Rolls — Settle Judicial Watch Federal Lawsuit

Canada Free Press

January 3, 2019

WASHINGTON — [Judicial Watch](#) announced today that it signed a settlement agreement with the state of California and county of Los Angeles under which they will begin the process of removing from their voter registration rolls as many as 1.5 million inactive registered names that may be invalid. These removals are required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

Los Angeles County agrees to purge up to 1.5 million voters from its rolls in settlement

The Washington Times

January 7, 2019

Los Angeles County has agreed to conduct a purge of its voting rolls, in a move that could strip perhaps 1.5 million inactive voters from the lists of

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JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

December 19, 2018 – January 19, 2019

The following list partially details recent radio and television appearances by Judicial Watch spokesmen, as well as general television and radio coverage of Judicial Watch’s investigations and lawsuits.

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12/26	WRKO	Boston, MA – Live
12/27	WMAL	Washington, DC – Live
12/27	Hannity Radio	National – Live
1/3	SBS	Australia, International
1/4	KFTK	St. Louis, MO – Live
1/4	WHO	Des Moines, IA – Live
1/7	Sirius XM Radio	National – Live
1/7	KRLA	Los Angeles, CA – Live
1/8	WNJC	Sewell, NJ – Live
1/10	KLZ	Denver, CO – Live
1/10	Bill Martinez Radio	National – Live

1/15	SBS	Australia, International – Mention
1/16	WJIM	Lansing, MI – Live
1/18	Salem Radio Network	National – Live

TV

12/19	Fox News Channel	National – Live
12/22	CSPAN2	National – Mention
12/22	Fox News Channel	National – Live
12/26	Fox News Channel	National – Live
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1/7	Newsmax TV	National – Live
1/7	OAN	National – Live
1/8	Fox News Channel	National – Live
1/10	OAN	National – Live
1/14	Fox News Channel	National – Live
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1/16	Fox News	National – Mention
1/16	OAN	National – Live
1/16	Fox Business Network	National – Mention
1/16	Fox News Channel	National – Live

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those eligible to cast ballots.

The county made the deal in a settlement last week with **Judicial Watch**, a conservative public interest firm, saying that under a recent Supreme Court ruling, it has a duty to remove names of people who appear to have either died, moved from the county or lost interest in voting.

The county committed to mailing hundreds of thousands of voters already deemed inactive to see whether they are still eligible voters, and to removing names of people who don't respond to notices and who miss two subsequent federal elections. The county also agreed to try to weed out dead people still on the rolls.

Bill Barr's First Order of Business? Find Out What Obama Knew and When He Knew It

The Daily Caller

Op-Ed by Judicial Watch Director of Investigations and Research

Chris Farrell

January 10, 2019

At 1:50 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016, Federal Bureau of Investigation attorney Lisa Page revealed President Obama's direct involvement in the insidiously corrupt Clinton email investigation, texting her "secret society" conspirator boyfriend, FBI Special Agent Peter Strzok: "Yes, bc potus wants to know everything we are doing."

Page's text was a reply to Strzok, confirming that she was preparing

talking points for FBI Director James Comey to brief Obama on the sham investigation.

You will recall that in 2015 Obama lied to CBS' Bill Plante when answering how he learned Hillary Clinton had used an unsecured email server. "The same time everybody else learned it, through news reports," Obama said.

In fact, Obama exchanged 18 emails with Clinton over her unsecured, outlaw server. The Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General (IG) report on the Clinton email investigation further identifies Comey's complicity in the cover-up to shield Obama and minimize Clinton's crimes. **JW**

Tax Time Is A Good Time to Evaluate Charitable Giving Goals



As income tax day approaches, now may be a good time to evaluate your charitable giving options and plan your 2019 charitable giving goals. As Judicial Watch is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, you might consider taking better advantage of charitable giving options offered by Judicial Watch.

1. Become a monthly *Amicus* donor to Judicial Watch and fight corruption every month

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2. Donate Appreciated Securities

You might consider making a donation of appreciated securities to Judicial Watch. By donating securities you have owned for longer than one year, which have increased in value, you can deduct the full value of those shares. You also would not have to pay capital gains taxes that would have been owed if you had sold those shares. For more information on donating securities, please call for our "Giving Securities" brochure.

3. Consider establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity

If you are 55 or older, you might consider establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) with Judicial Watch. A CGA is a financial instrument that provides a donor with a lifetime of guaranteed income. Through a CGA, a donor can make a charitable donation to Judicial Watch (a minimum of \$5,000 is required), receive a guaranteed income for the rest of their life, and receive a charitable deduction for the gift while supporting our important work.

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