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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

June 6, 2018

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MR. SEAN A. DUNAGAN
JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.
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SUITE 800
WASHINGTON, DC 20024

FOIPA Request No.: 1354040-001
Subject: Meeting between Attorney General Loretta
Lynch and President Bill Clinton
(June 27, 2016)

Judicial watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Action No.: 1:16-cv-02046

Dear Mr. Bekesha and Mr. Dunagan:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552

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Section 552a

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16 pages were reviewed and 16 pages are being released.

- ☐ 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 FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are 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.

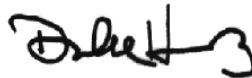
Although your request is in litigation, we are required by law to provide you the following information:

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- ☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.
- ☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The material is being provided to you at no charge. Accordingly, it is unnecessary to adjudicate your request for a fee waiver, as no fees are being assessed.

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.

[REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2016 2:11 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Must Read Security Article

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Copy sir.

SA [REDACTED]
Attorney General's Protection Detail
Office- [REDACTED]
Cell- [REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/03/2016 2:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED] (LV) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)"
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Thank you,

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Thank you,

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[REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2016 1:18 PM
To: Rojas, Rachel L. (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: Re:

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Thank you.

I'm sending you an article from my email account that is a pretty accurate account of the event. I think the source, who knows they can lose their job was a Phoenix cop assisting with the motorcade.

Have a great 4th!

From: Rojas, Rachel L. (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2016 01:10 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: RE:

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Lol I'm not worried about you ☺

I'll deal with opa with [REDACTED] next week. Doj is likely overwhelmed so in hoping it wasn't intentional.

I know it wasn't you guys bc you have great judgment. Nothing good would come from that. Her staff should have avoided that scenario.

The bu will be fine but obviously disappointed on how this is happening. Unfortunately she's taking heat all over the place and I feel bad for her. I know she didn't want this on her plate or for this to happen.

I will definitely call you next week so we can catch up. ☺

SC Rachel Rojas
FBI Security Division
Security Operations Section
Cell [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/02/2016 7:32 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Rojas, Rachel L. (SECD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:

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Good Morning.

Sorry for not responding last night.

Please do not worry about me making any statements. I know better ;)

I am worried about our OPA reaching out to DOJ's, as it was DOJ opa who threw us under the bus.

I will explain the details later, but you know, we are not the final word as to who comes in or out of the AG's space. Her staff dropped the ball in a big way, and we were the easy scapegoats! I'm pretty pissed about the way things went down and how they were handled afterwards, needless to say I will be making some changes as to how much interaction we will have with this staff going forward.

I'm truly sorry to be bothering you with this nonsense on your time off, but my biggest fear with this event is whether or not this will affect the ongoing investigation or the Director's position. Obviously it has affected the AG's position but I hope there's no further fallout.

From: Rojas, Rachel L. (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 09:49 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)
Subject:

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Hey got your message. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] too. I would say stay away unless we hear something from a higher up. I don't see the need for any comment. Opa may reach out to doj so I hope there is no comment from them as well in regards to protection piece.

Thanks for call and keeping me in loop.

SC Rachel Rojas

FBI Security Division

Security Operations Section

Cell [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)

From: Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 6:58 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

Nothing. We just keep doing what we need to do and let all of this swirl around us.

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 6:00 AM
To: Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

Note the this has been under discussion since April part. Timings not great, but what are you going to do?

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From: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/01/2016 5:48 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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Well...that's an interesting development.

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From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/01/2016 5:36 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Mains, Richard A. (RO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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

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Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)

From: Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 8:28 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

Agreed.

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 5:59 AM
To: Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

Timing's not ideal in that it falsely adds to those seeking the "this is all choreographed" narrative. But I don't think it's worth changing...later won't be better.

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From: "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/01/2016 5:52 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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Thank you.

The meeting in PX is all over CNN TV news this morning...

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From: Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 5:12 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: AG transcript, Aspen ideas festival, Fri 1 July

Thank you.

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 5:11 PM
To: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Kelly, Stephen D. (DO) (FBI); Steinbach, Michael B. (DO) (FBI); Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: James B. Comey
Subject: AG transcript, Aspen ideas festival, Fri 1 July

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JONATHAN CAPEHART: Thank you all for being here this morning.

Attorney General, thank you very much for being here.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH: Thank you for having me.

CAPEHART: So as Walter said, you have a reputation of having the highest integrity, utmost solid judgment. So when people heard what went down in Phoenix, a lot of people were like -- I mean, friends, supporters, backers were saying, what on Earth was she thinking talking to Bill Clinton?

So what on Earth were you thinking?

(LAUGHTER)

What happened?

LYNCH: Well, I think that's the question of the day, isn't it?

CAPEHART: Yes.

LYNCH: And I think that's a perfectly reasonable question. I think that's the question that is called, you know, by what happened in Phoenix because people have also wondered and raised questions about my role in the ultimate resolution of matters involving the investigation into the State Department e-mails.

And to the extent that people have questions about that, about my role in that, certainly my meeting with him raises questions and concerns. And so believe me, I completely yet that question. And I think it is the question of the day.

But I think the issue is, again, what is my role in how that matter is going to be resolved? And so let me be clear on how that is going to be resolved. I've gotten that question a lot also over time and we usually don't go into those deliberations, but I do think it's important that people see what that process is like.

As I have always indicated, the matter is being handled by career agents and investigators with the

Steinbach, Michael B. (DO) (FBI)

From: Steinbach, Michael B. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 6:01 AM
To: Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

Thank you

MICHAEL B. STEINBACH

Executive Assistant Director

National Security Branch

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(O) [Redacted]
(C) [Redacted]

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From: "Priestap, E W. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Date: 07/01/2016 5:53 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Steinbach, Michael B. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted] "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 5:37 AM
To: [REDACTED] (NSD) (JMD); [REDACTED] (NSD) (JMD); [REDACTED] (USAVAE); [REDACTED] (USAVAE)
Subject: Fwd: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 5:38 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) b6 -1
Subject: Fwd: Lynch to Remove Herself From Decision Over Clinton Emails, Official Says - NYTimes.com

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

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 1:23 PM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: FBI agents-no photos story

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Thanks [redacted] Doubt we would say anything, but for clarification will be good to know.

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From: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 1:22 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: FBI agents-no photos story

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Rybicki just talked to DOJ. They are waiting to respond until they can talk to AGPD to determine exactly what happened. AGPD is traveling back to DC now.

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

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 07/01/2016 1:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: FBI agents-no photos story

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Here's the local article -- national NBC has picked it up and asked us about it. We are reaching out to DOJ OPA as well, but thank you for the contacts!

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); OPA-NPO
Subject: FBI agents-no photos story

FYSA,

ABC's Jack Date called to ask about this claim and we hadn't heard about it prior to his call. He's going to call DOJ to ask.

Reporter: FBI ordered 'no photos, no pictures, no cell phones' during Clinton/Lynch meeting

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[redacted] (SecD) (FBI)

From: [redacted] (SecD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 3:11 PM
To: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Media Reports ***Not for Dissemination**

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Well said. Great learning point.

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From: [redacted] (SECD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 07/01/2016 2:46 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: DPD-INTERNAL [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (MP) (FBI)" [redacted] (PD) (FBI)"
[redacted] (SF) (FBI)"
[redacted] (NK) (FBI)" [redacted]
[redacted] (CG) (FBI)" [redacted] (IP) (FBI)"
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Campbell, Joshua S. (DO) (FBI)

From: Campbell, Joshua S. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 7:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Media Reports ***Not for Dissemination**

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Well said through and through. Thx man. Happy 4th.

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From: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/01/2016 7:39 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Campbell, Joshua S. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Media Reports ***Not for Dissemination**

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From: [REDACTED] (SECD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 07/01/2016 2:45 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: DPD-INTERNAL [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (MP) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (PD) (FBI)"
[REDACTED] (SF) (FBI)"
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****The daily summary of FBI related news articles located on the 7th floor is an excellent source and should be reviewed on a regular basis.**

Advances maintaining situational awareness on the ground in general, and especially of other dignitaries/personalities travelling out of the FBO or being in/near a venue.

The advance's job is to have a solid understand of all practical aspects of a location the Director is visiting. To include providing the travel team with information that will allow for the adjustment of arrival/departure times as needed. We do an excellent job of this. Whether it be for ease of ingress/egress for motorcade de-confliction or whether there be the same concerns of optics with the Director potentially bumping into someone. When we last flew into HPN a few months back, we literally just missed Clinton's plane. Imagine the optics and the awkward situation we would have put the Director in if we would have been at the FBO at the same time as Secretary Clinton. We ultimately didn't have to adjust our timeline, but having that knowledge ahead of time allowed us to be in control of the situation and provided the opportunity for us to delay to prevent a simultaneous arrival/departure if it became necessary.

Interaction with media:

The media, like us, have a job to do. Within a public space, we have no right nor authority to impede their opportunity to do their job. If we are walking down the corridor of the Hill, we can't stop reporters from filming the Director, nor asking questions. We can prevent them from impeding his movement and our need for a clear evac route. Understanding what we can and cannot control is essential to the execution of our job and the mandate to prevent embarrassment.

This situation is still unfolding. As I get more information from across the street regarding what actually transpired, I will definitely share it with you. This situation highlights what we all know, but can always stand to be reminded of- we live and work under a microscope. Whether it be media, FBI Execs and employees, or the general public; people are always watching. We have to be right all the time.....

Thanks for your professionalism and dedication to this job!!!

Caveo Sicarius

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Reporter: FBI ordered 'no photos, no pictures, no cell phones' during Clinton/Lynch meeting

posted at 7:21 am on July 1, 2016 by Larry O'Connor

Reporter Christopher Sign of ABC 15 in Phoenix, AZ appeared on The O'Reilly Factor Thursday night to talk about his scoop involving that secret meeting between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

"The former president steps into her plane. They then speak for 30 minutes privately. The FBI there on the tarmac instructing everybody around 'no photos, no pictures, no cell phones.'"

Interesting.

First of all, it isn't the FBI's job to tell journalists or private citizens they can't take photographs of a former president and the Attorney General. What were the agents going to do, arrest people for taking a picture or video?

Also, if there was nothing wrong with the meeting and it was totally innocent, why were federal agents instructed to demand no one take a picture?

Finally, let's stop focusing on the fact that this meeting was inappropriate because Clinton's wife is under investigation by Lynch's Justice Department. I mean, that's bad, but it's actually letting Lynch and Clinton off the hook a bit. By focusing on the appearance of conflict because *Hillary Clinton* is being investigated, we are willfully overlooking the very real conflict in the fact that *Clinton himself* is under investigation, as the Grand Poo-bah at the Clinton Foundation. (Fox News)

The FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of private email as secretary of state has expanded to look at whether the possible "intersection" of Clinton Foundation work and State Department business may have violated public corruption laws, three intelligence sources not authorized to speak on the record told Fox News.

This new investigative track is in addition to the focus on classified material found on Clinton's personal server.

"The agents are investigating the possible intersection of Clinton Foundation donations, the dispensation of State Department contracts and whether regular processes were followed," one source said.

Yes, the investigation into the intersection of Clinton Foundation donations and the State Department slimes Hillary Clinton since it happened during her tenure as Secretary of State, but what about Bill Clinton? If the State Department and Hillary Clinton acted improperly or illegally by commingling staff and by granting favors to Clinton Foundation donors, isn't the Clinton Foundation, and Bill Clinton equally guilty of wrongdoing?

This may explain why the day after the surreptitious meeting in Phoenix, Lynch's Justice Department informed a judge they were going to drag their feet on the release of emails connecting the former president's foundation and the State Department. (Daily Caller)

Department of Justice officials filed a motion in federal court late Wednesday seeking a 27-month delay in producing correspondence between former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's four top aides and officials with the Clinton Foundation and Teneo Holdings, a closely allied public relations firm that Bill Clinton helped launch.

If the court permits the delay, the public won't be able to read the communications until October 2018, about 22 months into her prospective first term as President. The four senior Clinton aides involved were Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Fuchs, Ambassador-At-Large Melanne Verveer, Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills, and Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin.

Tenness when all of this adds up, it's clear why Lynch and her FBI agents were so intent on keeping this

I guess whether or not it was up, it seems very likely that the FBI agents were so much on keeping the inappropriate meeting private.

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