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## FBI Special Treatment For Clinton Demands For Email Investigation Information



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**Lisa Page, former FBI attorney**



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**Peter Strzok, former FBI deputy assistant director of counterintelligence**

Judicial Watch received 218 pages of former FBI officials Peter Strzok-Lisa Page emails, which show then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to expedite the release of FBI investigative material to Hillary Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI's top lawyer discussed, specifically, quickly obtaining the "302" report of the FBI/Justice Department interview of Mrs. Clinton.

The emails also show the FBI failed to document at least four interviews of witnesses in the Clinton email investigation.

The documents were obtained in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 4, 2017 FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No.

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## Andrew Weissmann Led Hiring Effort For Mueller Special Counsel

Judicial Watch obtained 73 pages of records from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) containing text messages and calendar entries of Robert Mueller special counsel prosecutor Andrew Weissmann, showing he led the hiring effort for the investigation that targeted President Trump.

The document production came in response to Judicial Watch's June 7, 2018 FOIA lawsuit, filed after the Department of Justice failed to respond to a December 15, 2017 FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-01356)). Judicial Watch seeks:

"All text messages sent to or from DOJ official Andrew Weissmann regarding Donald Trump and/or Hillary Clinton between August 8, 2016 and the present

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**Andrew Weissmann, member of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's legal team, called "Mueller's Pit Bull" by New York Times**

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1:18-cv-00154)) for:

- “All records of communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page;
- “All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Peter Strzok; and
- “All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Lisa Page.”

On August 16, 2016, at 10:02 p.m., Baker emails then-Associate Deputy Director David Bowdich; Michael Steinbach, former executive assistant director for national security; former Acting Assistant Director Jason V. Herring; former FBI lawyer Lisa Page; former Principal Deputy General Counsel Trisha Anderson; Michael Kortan, FBI assistant director for public affairs, now retired; James Rybicki, former chief of staff to James Comey; and others to inform them that he “just spoke” with Clinton’s lawyer, Kendall, who requested documents from the FBI. Baker says he told Kendall he would “need to submit a request.” Baker tells them, “I said we would process it expeditiously.”

“I just spoke with David Kendall...I conveyed our view that in order to obtain the documents [FBI investigative material] they are seeking they need to submit a request pursuant to the Privacy Act and FOIA. I said they could submit a letter to me covering both statutes. They will send it in the morning. I said that we would process it expeditiously. David asked us to focus first on the Secretary’s 302 [FBI interview report]. I said OK. [Redacted] We will have to focus on this issue tomorrow and get the 302 out the door

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**“The documents also show the FBI failed to timely document interviews in the Clinton email ‘matter’ — further confirming the whole investigation was a joke.”**

~ *Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton*

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 as soon as possible and then focus on the rest of the stuff.”

The following day, August 17, 2016, Kendall sent a FOIA/Privacy Act request on “behalf of former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton” to the FBI’s top lawyer with a request for “expeditious processing.” Baker passes this request to Bowdich, Steinbach, Herring, Page and Anderson:

“In my view, we need to move as quickly as possible on this, but pursuant to David’s oral request last night, we should focus first on Secretary Clinton’s 302...Is the end of this week out of the question for her 302?”

In a follow-up email exchange, the same day, Anderson arranged for Herring, Page, former FBI Assistant Director and head of the Office of Congressional Affairs Gregory Brower, Strzok and others to “coordinate a plan for processing and releasing” Clinton’s 302, though one official reminds others that they should process the request “consistent” with other requests.

Then, in an August 21, 2016 email exchange, Baker tells his people that he would “alert” Kendall shortly before Clinton’s 302 was to be posted on the FBI’s FOIA Vault

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# A Full Exposé Of The Ohrs

By Tom Fitton



JUDICIAL WATCH

Judicial Watch has done it again. We just obtained incredible new documents that show the Department of Justice gave substantial extra income to one of the most controversial Russiagate perps — Justice Department official Bruce Ohr.

New Justice Department documents show that Bruce Ohr received \$42,520 in performance bonuses during the Trump/Russia investigation. In fact, his bonus was nearly twice as much in 2016 as it was the previous year.

This revelation came in Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50) and Request for Personnel Action (SF-52) forms that we requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The documents show that on November 13, 2016, Ohr was given a performance award of \$28,000.

This was during the time of his deep involvement in the highly controversial Justice Department surveillance of the Trump presidential campaign. The bonus was nearly double the \$14,250 performance award he was given on November 29, 2015.

Bruce Ohr was married to Nellie Ohr of Fusion GPS and was removed because of his conflict of interest and role as conduit for Fusion GPS material. The documents show that Ohr was removed from his position as Associate Deputy Attorney General on December 6, 2017. On January 7, 2018, Ohr was reassigned from his position as director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and shifted to counselor for international affairs in the Department of Justice Criminal Division. Ohr received a \$2,600 pay increase.

These documents will raise questions as to whether the conflicted Bruce Ohr, whom the FBI used to launder information from Christopher Steele, was rewarded for his role in the illicit targeting of President Trump.

We have five current lawsuits pursuing information on Bruce Ohr's

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**Ohr is at the center of the Deep State assault on President Trump, and these latest documents are just more evidence of the Deep State conspiracy to topple the President of the United States.**

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complex entanglement in the festering coup attempt.

One of our Freedom of Information Act lawsuits recently produced information from the Justice Department showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Kathleen Kavalec and Bruce Ohr, in which they discussed the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material. In discussing a meeting with the potential source for a *Mother Jones* article accusing the Trump campaign of taking money from a Russian American oil magnate, as well as Christopher Steele's connection to that source, Kavalec emails Ohr citing the accusatory *Mother Jones* article. Ohr says, "I really hope we can get something going here."

We also obtained an email revealing that Ohr's wife Nellie informed him that she was deleting emails sent from his Justice Department email account. This email came as part of records we obtained through a March 2018 FOIA lawsuit filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 2017 FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-00490)). Nellie writes to Bruce:



AP PHOTO/PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS

**Bruce Ohr, former associate deputy attorney general and former director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force at Justice Department**

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### FBI

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webpage. On September 2, 2016, the FBI announced the release of Clinton's interview documents.

Finally, on August 24, 2016, the acting FBI FOIA unit chief says he sees "no problem" with giving Hillary's attorney a heads up before her records were posted publicly on the Internet.

Other documents show that on August 5, 2016, Page, Strzok and FBI intelligence analyst Jonathan Moffa are notified by an FBI assistant general counsel from the national security law branch that additional 302s were in need of processing:

"Today [Redacted] brought over additional 302s from the WFO [Washington Field Office]. Are those supposed to go through the redaction process for production to DOJ on Monday? We're trying to figure out what needs to be completed this weekend."

Page responds by writing to Strzok, Moffa and others that four FBI 302 reports of interviews related to the Clinton "Midyear Exam" investigation had never even been written:

"[Redacted] to the best of my



FBI building, Washington, D.C.

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**"David [Kendall] asked us to focus first on the Secretary's 302 [FBI interview report]. I said OK. [Redacted]"**

**~ Former FBI General Counsel  
James Baker**

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knowledge, yes they will when Pete identified for [redacted] the DOJ edits that needed to be made to the 302s [redacted] discovered that there were four (I think) 302s that had never been written. What I don't know is whose 302s they are but unless Pete or Jon are able to respond in short order, I would throw them on the pile for redactions. Thanks so much."

On August 24, 2016, *Daily Beast* reporter Shane Harris sent an inquiry to the FBI asking if Comey's admission to Congress was accurate that Hillary's lawyers at William & Connolly did not possess the security clearances needed to see and possess highly classified Hillary emails being stored at their law offices. Harris' question set off a scramble at the top of the FBI all the way up to Comey over the next 28 hours, producing a seven-page (mostly redacted) email discussion, with Lisa Page concluding, "Could we say something more equivocal?"

In a September 1, 2016 email exchange, Page, Strzok, Office of Public Affairs official Michael Kortan and Special Agent Richard Quinn discuss an email from *The Hill's* John Solomon, wherein Solomon forwarded them his draft article for *Circa.com* citing "government sources" detailing extensive evidence the FBI had collected, which showed Hillary Clinton "violated federal record-keeping laws" through her use of a private BlackBerry and server,

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### Message

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“From: Nellie Ohr  
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
12:49 PM  
To: Ohr, Bruce (ODAG)  
Subject: Re: Analyst Russian  
Organized Crime – April 2016

“Thanks! I’m deleting these emails now.”

The full email exchange, which comes as part of 339 pages of heavily redacted records we obtained from the Justice Department, is between Bruce Ohr, Lisa Holtyn, Nellie Ohr and Stefan Bress, a first secretary at the German Embassy.

Nellie Ohr’s email to Bruce Ohr has the same subject line as an email exchange with the subject line “Analyst Russian Organized Crime – April 2016,” in which Bress initiates a discussion with Bruce Ohr and his top aide, Lisa Holtyn, proffering

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some “Russian analysts” to discuss a variety of topics with Ohr, Holtyn and other DOJ officials. Among those topics to be discussed is “Impact of Russian influence operations in Europe (‘PsyOps/InfoWar’).”

Holtyn responds with, “I haven’t had a chance to confer with Bruce yet, but would certainly love to meet with the ‘A Team’!” Bruce Ohr then says, “That time works for me as well.” Bress then provides the personal details/passport numbers of the German analysts who will be meeting with Holtyn and Ohr. Holtyn tells Bress that the Ohrs would like to host the German delegation for dinner and notes that Joe Wheatley and Ivana Nizich (a husband/wife team of Justice Department organized crime prosecutors and friends of the Ohrs) would join them as well.

Until he was demoted for his connection to the anti-Trump dossier, Bruce Ohr was a top official at the Department of Justice. A House Intelligence Committee memo released by Chairman Devin Nunes said that Nellie Ohr was “employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump” and that Bruce Ohr passed the results of that research, which was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign, to the FBI. The “salacious and unverified” dossier was used to obtain a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance warrant to spy on Carter Page.

These documents are part



**Christopher Steele, former British spy and author of Trump Dossier**

of Nellie Ohr’s and the Justice Department’s communications about Russia. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC) recently wrote up a criminal referral concerning her testimony before Congress, in which she claimed she had no knowledge of what was going on during the Russia investigation at Justice Department.

Nellie Ohr’s email is disturbing and suggests documents relevant to the improper targeting of President Trump were destroyed.

All of this is in addition to other smoking-gun emails from Ohr, which show he remained in regular contact with former British spy and Fusion GPS contractor Christopher Steele after Steele was terminated by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant. The records show that Ohr served as a go-between for Steele by passing along information to “his colleagues” on matters relating to Steele’s activities. Ohr also set up meetings with Steele, regularly talked to him on the telephone and provided him assistance in dealing with situations Steele was confronting with the media.

Our work on this Deep State conspiracy is relentless. We just sued the Justice Department for communications between Bruce Ohr and another of the pivotal players in

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despite the security and legal risks she was told they posed. Solomon asked for any final “guidance” from the FBI before publishing. Page writes to Moffa, Strzok and a redacted FBI official, it was “pretty inaccurate,” but provided nothing to support her charge of its inaccuracy. Judicial Watch’s work on the Hillary Clinton email scandal is cited extensively in the column, and former U.S. Attorney Matt Whitaker was quoted as well, saying a special prosecutor was needed to look into Hillary’s use of the personal server.

On August 16, 2016, after Congress requested that the FBI supply additional copies of the binders of Clinton server-investigation materials, an unidentified FBI official complained to his colleagues of being understaffed and under-supplied:

“We literally do not have the office supplies to do this. Nor do I have the IAs [Investigative Assistants/Analysts] for assistance.... These binders are huge and each one took hours to compile.”

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“I am not trying to throw shade.... I just wish decisions could get made by considering resources.”

“I need people in [room] 7947 ready to go in the early AM and a charge card for Staples.”

“These incredible documents show the leadership of the FBI rushed to give Hillary Clinton her FBI interview report shortly before the presidential election,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “And documents show the FBI failed to timely document interviews in the Clinton email ‘matter’ — further confirming the whole investigation was a joke. Attorney General Barr can’t reopen the Clinton email investigation soon enough.” **JW**

**Weissmann**

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[December 15, 2017].

“All calendar entries, whether in physical or electronic form, for Weissmann from January 1, 2015 to the present [December 15, 2017].”

Weissmann was formerly the Obama-era chief of the Justice Department’s Criminal Fraud Section.

Weissmann’s calendar entries provided to Judicial Watch start in May 2017, even though the lawsuit sued for records going back to 2015. The few text messages produced by the Justice Department did not specify the year sent or received.

Weissman’s calendar shows that he began interviewing people for investigator jobs on the Mueller operation almost immediately after it was announced that he had joined the team in early June.

On June 5, 2017, he interviewed former chief of the Public Corruption Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, Andrew Goldstein. Goldstein contributed a combined \$3,300 to Obama’s campaigns in 2008 and 2012. His wife, Julie Rawe, was a reporter and editor for *Time* for 13 years, until 2013. He became a lead prosecutor for Mueller.

The next day, on June 6, 2017, Weissmann had a meeting with “FARA [Foreign Agents Registration Act] counsel.”

Weissmann interviewed another prosecutor, Kyle Freeny, from the Justice Department Money Laundering Section for the team on June 7, 2017. Freeny contributed a total of \$500 to Obama’s presidential campaigns and \$250 to Hillary Clinton’s. She was later detailed to the Mueller investigation.

Weissmann interviewed a trial attorney who worked with him in the Criminal Fraud Section, Rush Atkinson, on June 9, 2017. Atkinson

is a registered Democrat, and records show that Atkinson donated \$200 to Clinton’s campaign in 2016. Atkinson also became part of the Mueller team.

Weissmann also interviewed Justice Department Deputy Assistant Attorney General Greg Andres for the team on June 13, 2017. Andres donated \$2,700 to the campaign for Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) in 2018 and \$1,000 to the campaign for Democrat David Hoffman in 2009. Andres is a registered Democrat. His wife, Ronnie Abrams, a U.S. district judge in Manhattan, was nominated to the bench in 2011 by Obama. He joined the Mueller team in August 2017.

The same day’s calendar entry shows a reference to “MLARS [Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section]” at the Department of Justice and to “Cyprus MLAT [Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty].”

The calendar references an appointment on June 15, 2017 to “NY knock-and-talks.” The same day, Weissmann has a note for “Ethics Training Session.”

On June 16, 2017, he makes a reference to “Rule 4.2,” concerning the propriety of lawyers talking to witnesses represented by counsel.

On June 27, 2017, Weissmann conducts more hiring interviews.

On June 28, 2017, he notes discussion of a grand jury taking place.

On Independence Day, July 4, 2017, Weissmann holds a “Team Leader Meeting” and a “Daily Ops Meeting” in the Special Counsel’s conference room.

On August 3, 2017, there is a meeting about a Manafort “reverse proffer.”

On November 20, 2017, there is a meeting regarding a “proffer,” and the same day they have a call regarding Skadden attorney Alex van der Zwaan, who later pled guilty to a false-statements charge.

On Thanksgiving Day, 2017,

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## Weissmann

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Weissmann convened a Team Manafort Meeting at FBI.

On Christmas Day 2017, he held a Team Manafort Meeting and a Daily Ops Meeting.

On New Year's Day 2018, Weissmann held a Team Manafort Meeting.

Weissmann held many meetings throughout the period regarding Dutch attorney Alex van der Zwaan, who was sentenced for lying to investigators, including a February 11, 2018 meeting (followed nine days later by van der Zwaan's guilty plea).

Weissmann's text messages include a March 11 (year not provided) message indicating that he landed in the U.K., and on March 15, he received a text from someone who says, "Long time no see. Re reports that OSC [Office of Special Counsel] subpoenaing documents at Trump's business, my sources say must take a hard look at [Redacted]."

"These documents show Andrew Weissmann, an anti-Trump activist, had a hand in hiring key members of Mueller's team — who also happened to be political opponents of President Trump," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "These documents show that Mueller outsourced his hir-

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~ Judicial Watch President  
Tom Fitton

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ing decisions to Andrew Weissmann. No wonder it took well over a year to get this basic information, and yet, the Deep State Justice Department is still stonewalling on other Weissmann documents!"

Judicial Watch previously released documents showing strong support by Weissmann for former Acting Attorney General Sally Yates' refusal to enforce President Trump's Middle East travel ban executive order. Weissmann reportedly also attended Hillary Clinton's Election Night party in New York. **JW**



U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

## Message

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the Deep State anti-Trump collusion — former FBI official Peter Strzok (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:19-cv-01082)). We are challenging the Justice Department's extraordinary claim that there are no records of communications between Strzok and Ohr in light of the preeminent role both individuals played in the Deep State effort to undermine the Trump campaign and administration. In addition, Ohr himself testified before Congress that he did, in fact, meet and communicate with Strzok.

We also want records about the agency's involvement in persuading President Trump to defer his September 2018 decision to declassify Justice Department documents related to the Russia investigation (*Judicial Watch v U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:19-cv-00507)). Our lawsuit is also seeking Justice Department official Ohr's records of communications around the time of Trump's declassification announcement.

And, we filed suit for details of the "302" reports from the FBI interview with Ohr. The interviews could be key to understanding how information from anti-Trump dossier author, British spy Christopher Steele, was transmitted to the FBI. (*Judicial Watch v U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-02107)). The House Intelligence Committee memo released by Chairman Devin Nunes on February 2 says that Bruce's wife, Nellie Ohr, was "employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump" and that Bruce Ohr passed the results of that research, which was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign, to the FBI.

Ohr is at the center of the Deep State assault on President Trump, and these latest documents are just more evidence of the Deep State conspiracy to topple the President of the United States. **TF**

# Court Report

## Security Official Twice Warned Clinton About Unsecure BlackBerrys And Emails

Judicial Watch released a deposition transcript of Eric Boswell, the former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security during Hillary Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, in which he reveals that Hillary Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerrys and personal emails to transmit classified material. A full transcript of the deposition is available on the Judicial Watch website: <http://jwatch.us/jw-boswell>

Boswell, who was responsible for securing classified and national security information stated:

"They had come from the campaign trail and they were... wedded to their BlackBerrys... They wanted to be able to have them at their desks where they were working, and they weren't allowed to have that."

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**Boswell and other former State Department employees "were surprised" to learn that Clinton used clintonemail.com to conduct official government business, and they were not aware of such activity while still employed by the government.**

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**Eric Boswell, former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security**

Additionally, Boswell stated that he and other former State Department employees "were surprised" that Clinton used clintonemail.com to conduct official government business.

In his deposition, Ambassador Boswell stated:

- Hillary Clinton and other Senior State Department officials were warned in 2009 that "any unclassified Blackberry is highly vulnerable in any setting to remotely and covertly monitoring conversations, retrieving emails and exploiting calendars."
- Clinton was warned again in 2011 that "We also urge Department users to minimize the use of personal web email for business, as some compromised home systems have been reconfigured by these actors to automatically forward copies of all composed emails to an undisclosed recipient."



**Hillary Clinton, former secretary of state**

- Clinton assured him that she "gets it" when he informed her about dangers of BlackBerrys.
- Clinton and her staff were "wedded to their blackberries" and wanted to continue using them in secure areas even after warning because it was a "convenience issue" to them.
- He and other former State Department employees "were surprised" to learn that Clinton used clintonemail.com to conduct official government business, and they were not aware of such activity while still employed by the government.

Boswell was deposed as part of the discovery granted to Judicial Watch by U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth in its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit involving former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's unsecured, nongov-

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ernment email system (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

Judicial Watch was allowed both to depose under oath and to submit written questions to be answered under oath to former Clinton aides, State Department officials and others:

- Justin Cooper, a former aide to Bill Clinton who reportedly had no security clearance and is believed to have played a key role in setting up Hillary Clinton's nongovernment email system;
- John Hackett, a State Department records official "immediately responsible for responding to requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act";
- Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Hillary Clinton's former senior adviser and deputy chief of staff;
- Sheryl Walter, former State Department director of the Office of Information Programs and Services/Global Information Services;
- Gene Smilansky, a State Department lawyer;
- Monica Tillery, a State Department official;
- Jonathon Wasser, who was a management analyst on the Executive Secretariat staff. Wasser worked for Deputy Director Clarence Finney and was the State Department employee who actually conducted the searches for records in response to FOIA requests to the Office of the Secretary;
- Clarence Finney, the deputy director of the Executive Secretariat staff who was the principal adviser and records management expert in the Office of the Secretary responsible for control of all

correspondence and records for Hillary Clinton and other State Department officials;

- Heather Samuelson, the former State Department senior adviser who helped facilitate the State Department's receipt and release of Hillary Clinton's emails;
- Monica Hanley, Hillary Clinton's former confidential assistant at the State Department;
- Lauren Jiloty, Clinton's former special assistant;
- E.W. Priestap, who served as assistant director of the FBI's counterintelligence division and helped oversee both the Clinton email and the 2016 presidential campaign investigations. Priestap testified in a separate lawsuit that Clinton was the subject of a grand jury investigation related to her BlackBerry email accounts;
- Susan Rice, President Obama's former UN ambassador who appeared on Sunday television news shows following the Benghazi attacks, blaming a "hateful video." Rice was also Obama's national security adviser involved in "unmasking" the identities of senior Trump officials caught up in the surveillance of foreign targets;
- Ben Rhodes, an Obama-era White House deputy strategic



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communications adviser who attempted to orchestrate a campaign to "reinforce" Obama and to portray the Benghazi consulate terrorist attack as being "rooted in an Internet video, and not a failure of policy"; and

- One other person to be designated by the State Department.

Judge Royce Lamberth ordered that the Boswell video be sealed.

"Thanks to our court-ordered discovery, we now have confirmation that Hillary Clinton was warned by the top security official in the State Department that unsecure BlackBerry and email use was a security risk, yet Hillary Clinton ignored these warnings," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

In June 2017, Judicial Watch submitted evidence to Judge Sullivan showing that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton knowingly used an unsecure BlackBerry device despite being warned by "security hawks" against doing so.

In a related case, in 2016, Judicial Watch took depositions of Cheryl Mills, Huma Abedin, Patrick Kennedy, Stephen Mull, Karin Lang and Bryan Pagliano. 

# Emails Show State Official And Ohr Targeted Trump With Steele Dossier Material

Judicial Watch released four pages of documents from the U.S. Department of Justice showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Kathleen Kavalec and former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr, discussing the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material.

In discussing a meeting with the potential source for a *Mother Jones* article accusing the Trump campaign of taking money from a Russian American oil magnate, as well as Christopher Steele's connection to that source, Kavalec emails Ohr citing the accusatory *Mother Jones* article. Ohr says, "I really hope we can get something going here."

Judicial Watch obtained the records through its August 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

lawsuit filed against the Justice Department after it failed to respond to a May 29, 2018 FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-01854)). Judicial Watch seeks:

- "All records from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.
- "All records from the office of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce G. Ohr relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications

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- "All records from the office of the Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Organized Crime Task Force Director Bruce Ohr) about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele."

In a November 21, 2016 email exchange, Kavalec thanks Bruce Ohr for "coming by" to discuss the work of the OCDEF (Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force). Kavalec provides Ohr with links to *Mother Jones* and *Open Secrets* articles that suggest a Russian American oil magnate gave money to Trump's campaign. Ohr responds, "I really hope we

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## Bruce Ohr email to former Justice Department official Kathleen Kavalec

**From:** Kavalec, Kathleen A  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 1:03 PM  
**To:** Ohr, Bruce (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Thanks and some links

Just re-looking at my notes from my convo with Chris Steele, I see that Chris said Kukes has some connection to Serge Millian, an émigré who is identified by FT as head of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce. According to what Chris said to me in early October, Millian has apparently "disappeared," i.e., left the U.S. and hasn't been seen recently. I don't know anything about Millian, but he is referenced in the FT story: <https://ig.ft.com/sites/trumps-russian-connections/>

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**From:** Ohr, Bruce (ODAG) [mailto:Bruce.G.Ohr@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 12:35 PM  
**To:** Kavalec, Kathleen A  
**Subject:** RE: Thanks and some links

Kathy -

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us. I really hope we can get something going here.

This is very interesting - I may have heard about him from Tom Firestone as well, but I can't recall for certain. We will take another look at this.

...and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.



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can get something going here.... We will take another look at this.”

Kavalec then replies to Ohr, saying that she had just reviewed the notes from her October 2016 meeting with Steele stating, “I see Chris [Steele] said [Simon] Kukes has [sic] some connection to Serge Millian.” Millian is a Belarus-born businessman who was an alleged source for the anti-Trump dossier. He developed a relationship with Trump campaign aide George Papadopoulos in 2016.

Kavalec recently came to national attention when her notes from her October 11, 2016 meeting with dossier author Steele were revealed. In her notes, Kavalec said Steele told her of “a technical/human operation run out of Moscow targeting the election.” In Kavalec’s notes, she

disputes some of the details asserted by Steele — indicating these were both researched and disproven. Kavalec reported her findings directly to the FBI.

“These documents are a shocking example of the Deep State plotting against President Trump — just weeks after he was elected,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “There’s now no doubt that Bruce Ohr and the Obama State Department were working the Clinton gang to target President Trump.”

Recently, Judicial Watch uncovered emails from Bruce Ohr showing that the former associate deputy attorney general remained in regular contact with former British spy and Fusion GPS contractor Christopher Steele after Steele was

terminated by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant. **JW**



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# Chronicles

## Mexican Cartels Among Greatest Criminal, Security, Public Health Threat to U.S.

Mexican drug cartels have headquarters throughout the United States and are one of the country's greatest criminal, national security and public health threats, according to a veteran Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) senior agent pushing the federal government to designate the cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO).

"The Mexican cartels have left a trail of blood using intimidation and terrorist acts of ruthless violence," said Derek S. Maltz, a narco-terror expert who helped establish the Counter Narco-Terrorism Operations Center (CNTOC) before retiring from the DEA. CNTOC has busted many big-time narco-terrorism operations, including a money-laundering scheme that supported the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah.

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**"The cartels engage in beheadings, car bombings, dissolving humans in acid, mass murders, torture, bombings and political assassinations...and they have infiltrated the highest levels of the Mexican government with bribes and corruption."**

*~ Derek S. Maltz, former DEA official and narco-terror expert*

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Derek Maltz, special agent in charge of Drug Enforcement Administration operations, shows what a \$10 bag of heroin sold on the street looks like.

AP PHOTO/ LOUIS LANZANO

car bombings, dissolving humans in acid, mass murders, torture, bombings and political assassinations," Maltz said. "Their actions are consistent with the behaviors of traditional terrorists, and they have infiltrated the highest levels of the Mexican government with bribes and corruption." The former DEA agent added, "Mexican drug cartels have utilized techniques that focus on mind manipulation and behavioral modification commonly utilized by organizations such as Al-Qaeda."

The troubling details were delivered during recent testimony before the Ohio legislature, where Maltz made a powerful case for designating Mexican drug cartels as FTOs. Following a massive bust of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel in the Buckeye State, a resolution was introduced to get the federal government to make the change so that it may use

"appropriate means to mitigate and eventually eliminate the operations of the cartels." Last week a criminal justice committee heard testimony as the resolution advances in the Ohio legislature. Maltz was a key expert witness, telling the panel that cartels "have major hubs in Southern California, Arizona, Chicago, Texas, New York and Atlanta" and have "expanded into South Florida."

The resolution states that Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCO) based in Mexico (drug cartels) are responsible for the flow of opioids across the border into the United States and Ohio and that they are also responsible for the proliferation of human trafficking in the United States, particularly Ohio, as part and parcel of their drug-trafficking operations. The measure points out that drug cartels conduct operations on

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## Threat

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U.S. soil in furtherance of drug and human trafficking and that abuse of opioids and human trafficking are direct threats to the economy, well-being and overall vitality of the state of Ohio and its citizens. “The acting administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Uttam Dhillon, recently declared Mexican drug trafficking organizations are the biggest criminal threat the United States faces today,” the Ohio resolution states.

The measure further points out

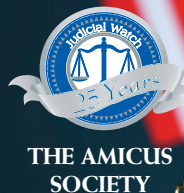


that the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the U.S. secretary of state, in consultation with the secretary of the treasury and the attorney general, to designate an organization as an FTO when certain criteria are met. Drug cartels meet the criteria, Ohio lawmakers assert, because they are foreign in nature, engage in or retain the capability and intent to engage in terrorism and threaten the security of American citizens and the national defense, foreign relations and economic interests of the United States.

Judicial Watch made parallel arguments in a white paper published earlier this year, which may be accessed on the Judicial Watch website: <http://jwatch.us/drug-cartel-designation>. In it, Judicial Watch's investigative team provides comprehensive documentation that Mexican drug cartels, notoriously sophisticated criminal operations, undoubtedly meet the U.S. government's requirements to be designated FTOs. The

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 criteria for FTO designation require that organizations be foreign, engage in terrorism or terrorist activity or possess the capability and intent to do so, and pose a threat to U.S. nationals or U.S. national security. Mexican drug cartels are inherently foreign, routinely commit criminal acts within the statutory definition of terrorism and arguably represent a more immediate and ongoing threat to U.S. national security than any of the currently designated FTOs on the State Department list. **JW**



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# Gov't Media Network Fires Reporters Over Soros Report Then Extols Press Freedom

It is ironic that, just weeks after firing journalists behind a broadcast critical of leftwing billionaire George Soros, the head of the U.S. government's international media networks is proclaiming his support for "press freedom." U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) Chief John F. Lansing, an Obama appointee, issued a heartfelt statement in early May reaffirming his "commitment to the fundamental principles of press freedom." In the document, titled "Fighting for press freedom, today and every day," Lansing assures the world that his agency "will continue to report the truth," though the truth recently cost USAGM journalists their jobs. The occasion was World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on May 3, and Lansing expresses deep concern that his taxpayer-funded agency "continues to witness firsthand how a free and independent media is deteriorating worldwide."

Posted on the agency's website and dispersed worldwide, the document goes on to say:

"Despite some very dark moments, we have not been silenced. We will continue to report the truth. We will continue to find new ways to get independent reporting and programming to global audiences who rely on it. And we will continue to carry through our mission to inform, engage, and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. Today, and every day, I am proud to be part of this organization, and call these brave men and women colleagues, as we stand together for press freedom."

Lansing conveniently omits that he recently utilized Stalinist techniques to retaliate against USAGM journalists and producers involved



John Lansing, chief of U.S. Agency for Global Media

in the Soros piece. The Spanish-language segment aired in May 2018 on Television Martí and was available for months online until it caught the eye of a scandal-plagued senator tried for bribery and corruption. Eight reporters and editors at the publicly funded media outlet were terminated, and, at the request of the disgraced senator, New Jersey Democrat Bob Menendez, Lansing ordered a review of all content to address "patterns of unethical, unprofessional, biased, or sub-standard journalism." An employee at the Miami, Florida-based Martí headquarters said in a local newspaper report "the

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environment that has been created by the upper hierarchy of the Agency for Global Media is repressive. People write with fear. Adjectives are no longer used."

Television Martí — and its radio counterpart — operate under the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) and comprise one of the USAGM's five international multimedia networks. The others are Voice of America (VOA), Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting. The media outlets get about \$685 million a year from American taxpayers and reportedly reach 345 million people worldwide in 59 languages. The global-media agency was created to counter disinformation spread by oppressive regimes abroad. The USAGM website states that its mission is "to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy." Television and Radio Martí were created to promote freedom and democracy by providing the people of Cuba with objective news and information programming.

The Soros broadcast focused on his efforts to cripple sovereign governments in Latin America. Judicial Watch was cited as a source because it investigated State Department funding of Soros groups in Colombia and published a report on Soros' initiatives to advance a radical globalist agenda in Guatemala. Judicial Watch also released a special report documenting the financial and staffing nexus between Soros' Open Society Foundations (OSF) and the U.S. government. In that document, Judicial Watch connects the dots between U.S.-funded entities and OSF affiliates to further the Hungarian-born philanthropist's

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agenda seeking to destabilize legitimate governments, erase national borders, target conservative politicians, finance civil unrest, subvert institutions of higher education and orchestrate refugee crises for political gain. A few years ago, Judicial Watch exposed a scheme in which the U.S. government spent millions of dollars to destabilize the democratically elected center-right government in Macedonia by colluding with Soros' OSF.

More than five months after the Spanish-language Soros broadcast aired on Television Martí, Menendez ordered Lansing to conduct an immediate investigation, and the USAGM chief retaliated against his own staff for practicing the "press freedom" he defends weeks later. Menendez, who serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee despite his sordid history, blocked President Trump's nomination last year to replace Lansing as USAGM chief, so perhaps Lansing owed him.



Voice Over America logo



Newsroom at the Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc., one of USAGM's five international multi-media networks

A few years ago, Menendez was charged with federal bribery and corruption stemming from his relationship with a crooked South Florida eye doctor who lavished him with cash, gifts and trips in exchange for political favors. The eye doctor, Salomon Melgen, was convicted of stealing \$73 million from Medicare and was sentenced to 17 years in prison. Menendez got off because jurors were unable to reach a verdict, and his trial ended in mistrial. His colleagues on the Senate Ethics Committee determined that the

veteran lawmaker not only violated Senate rules but also federal law and applicable standards of conduct. In a public letter of admonition, the committee writes that over a six-year period, Menendez knowingly and repeatedly accepted gifts of significant value from Melgen in violation of Senate rules and federal law. "Additionally, while accepting these gifts, you used your position as a Member of the Senate to advance Dr. Melgen's personal and business interests," the committee writes. **JW**

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# Uncovered

## Obama White House Tracked FOIA Request For Hillary Clinton Emails

Judicial Watch obtained 44 pages of records from the State Department through court-ordered discovery revealing that the Obama White House was tracking a December 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records concerning then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of an unsecure, nongovernment email system. Months after the Obama White House involvement, the State Department responded to the requestor, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), falsely stating that no such records existed.

Judicial Watch's discovery is centered upon whether Clinton intentionally attempted to evade the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by using a nongovernment email system and whether the State Department acted in bad faith in processing Judicial Watch's FOIA request for communications from Clinton's office. U.S. District Court Judge

Royce Lamberth ordered Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides, as well as E.W. Priestap, to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court ruled that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

The State Department's Office of Inspector General issued a report in January 2016 saying, "At the time the [CREW] request was received, dozens of senior officials throughout the Department, including members of Secretary Clinton's immediate staff, exchanged emails with the Secretary using the personal accounts she used to conduct official business." Also, the IG "found evidence that [Clinton Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills] was informed of the request at the time it was received ..."

The State Department produced records in response to court-ordered document requests that detail Obama White House involvement in the Clinton email FOIA request.

In a December 20, 2012 email with the subject line, "Need to track down a FOIA request from CREW," Sheryl L. Walter, director of the State Department's Office of Information Programs and Services (A/GIS/IPS), writes to IPS officials Rosemary D. Reid and Patrick D. Scholl and their assistants:

"WH called — have we received a FOIA request from CREW (Citizens for Responsible Ethics in Washington) on the topic of



President Barack Obama

personal use of email by senior officials? Apparently other agencies have. If we have it, can you give me the details so I can call the WH back? I think they'd like it on quick turnaround. Thanks! Sheryl"

In the same email chain, Walter, on December 20, 2012, also emailed Heather Samuelson, Clinton's White House liaison, describing the CREW FOIA request:

"Hi Heather — Copy attached, it was in our significant weekly FOIA report that we send to L and S/ES also. Do you want us to add you to that list? It's a subset of things like this that we think

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likely to be of broader Department interest. More detail below re this request. As a practical matter given our workload, it won't be processed for some months. Let me know if there are any particular sensitivities. If we don't talk later, happy holidays! All the best, Sheryl"

"Sheryl: The request is assigned Case #F-2012-40981. It was received on 12/6/2012 and acknowledged on 12/10/2012. The request is assigned for processing."

On January 10, 2013, Walter writes to Samuelson that she is not including "personal" accounts in the FOIA request search:

"Hi Heather — did you ever get any intell [sic] re what other agencies are doing re this FOIA request that seeks records about the number of email accounts associated with the Secretary (but isn't specifying "personal" email accounts so we are interpreting as official accounts only). We are considering contacting the requester to find out exactly what it is they are looking for. Do you have any-concerns about that approach?"

Soon afterward, Samuelson responds, "White House Counsel was looking into this for me. I will circle back with them now to see if they have further guidance."

CREW's general counsel, Anne Weismann, sent a CREW FOIA request to the State Department on December 6, 2012, seeking "records sufficient to show the number of email accounts of or associated with Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the extent to which those email accounts are identifiable as those of or associated with Secretary Clinton."

On May 10, 2013, Information

Programs and Services replied to CREW, stating that "no records responsive to your request were located."

Samuelson became Secretary Clinton's personal lawyer and in 2014 led the review of Clinton's emails to determine which ones were work-related and which were personal. She also was one of five close Clinton associates granted immunity by the Department of Justice in the Clinton email investigation.

Samuelson is one of several Obama administration and State Department officials ordered by U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth to respond under oath to Judicial Watch questions regarding whether Clinton's private email use while Secretary of State was an intentional attempt to evade FOIA.

The new documents also include a January 2013 email exchange discussing Clinton's departure from the State Department in which Agency Records Officer Tasha M. Thian specifically states that Secretary Clinton "does not use email."

This was directly contradicted by an email exchange between Secretary Clinton and Gen. David Petraeus dating back to January 2009 — the very first days of Clinton's State Department tenure — in which she tells Petraeus that she "had to change her email address."

Interestingly, this email exchange between Petraeus and Clinton was not produced in a related FOIA lawsuit seeking "all emails" of Hillary Clinton." The bottom portion of the email chain was produced, but not the beginning emails.

In a January 2013 email under the subject "RE: Sec Clinton's papers," Thian writes:

"Just so you know, Secretary Clinton — she brought with her a lot of material as Senator and First Lady — 47 boxes. In case you hear there are many boxes I want-


ed you to know what they are. She is taking her copies of photos, public speeches, press statements, contacts, templates (some of these are both hard copy and electronic), reimbursements, etc ...

"Although Sec. Clinton does not use email [emphasis added] her staffers do — I have agreed that the emails of the three staffers will be electronically captured (and not printed out)."

Also included in the new batch of documents is the draft Departing Officials Notice, which states that State Department personnel are not to remove classified records from Department "custody and control."

The new records obtained by Judicial Watch are further evidence revealing the Obama White House's early knowledge of questions surrounding Clinton's email use. In late April, Judicial Watch announced that E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, had admitted, in writing and under oath, that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the executive office of the president.

"These documents suggest the Obama White House knew about the Clinton email lies being told to the public at least as early as December 2012," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "A federal court granted Judicial Watch discovery into the Clinton emails because the court wanted answers about a government cover-up of the Clinton emails. And now, we have answers because it looks like the Obama White House orchestrated the Clinton email cover-up."

Judicial Watch's filed its 2014 FOIA lawsuit after the State Department failed to respond to a May 13, 2014 FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. Department of State* (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). 

# U.S. Wastes Billions On Fragmented/Overlapping/Duplicative Programs

The federal government wastes tens of billions of dollars on all sorts of “fragmented, overlapping or duplicative” programs in areas ranging from health care to defense, from the production of U.S. currency to disaster response. It is a perpetual government-wide epidemic that has long fleeced American taxpayers, according to a report issued at the end of May by the nonpartisan investigative arm of Congress, the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The watchdog has published similar documents in the past eight years listing more than 300 areas of waste, yet the hemorrhaging continues because Congress or executive branch agencies have failed to act.

In the latest probe, the GAO identifies 98 new areas — in addition to hundreds that have been ignored — of fragmentation, overlap or duplication that must be addressed to help curb the waste. Fragmentation refers to circumstances in which more than one federal agency is involved in the same broad area of national need and service delivery can be improved. Overlap occurs when multiple agencies or programs have similar goals, engage in similar activities or strategies to achieve them, or target similar beneficiaries. Duplication exists when two or more agencies or programs are engaged in the same activities or provide the same services to the same beneficiaries. The new report states:

“GAO estimates that tens of billions of additional dollars could be saved should Congress and executive branch agencies fully address the remaining 396 open actions, including the new ones identified in 2019. Addressing the remaining actions could lead to other benefits as well, such as increased public safety, better homeland and national security, and more effective



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delivery of services.”

Here are some examples of new waste identified in the report, which also includes ongoing problems from previous investigations:

- The Department of Energy (DOE) could save “billions of dollars by developing a program-wide strategy to improve decision-making on cleaning up radioactive and hazardous waste.”
- The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services could save “hundreds of millions of dollars simply by improving how it identifies and targets risk in overseeing Medicaid spending and by avoiding overpaying for clinical lab tests.”
- The Department of Defense (DOD) could save “millions of dollars a year by expanding its use of intergovernmental support agreements to obtain support services that include waste management.”
- The U.S. Mint could “reduce the cost of coin production by millions of dollars annually.”

- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could save “tens of millions of dollars a year by more efficiently combating “tax fraud and non-compliance.”

The list of agencies that fragment, overlap or duplicate goes on and on with practically every key federal agency appearing as an offender. Among them are the departments of Veterans Affairs (VA), Labor (DOL), Homeland Security (DHS), State, Agriculture (USDA) and Commerce as well as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The report does point out that actions taken by Congress and executive branch agencies have resulted in hundreds of billions of dollars in “financial benefits.” Are American taxpayers supposed to pat lawmakers and federal government managers on the back for doing their job? The waste is a result of poor management and never should have occurred in the first place. A lengthy and costly federal audit should not have been required to correct the problem.

There appears to be no end in sight to the spending crisis. Every year the GAO finds more and more violations. Investigators reveal they have directed 797 cost-saving actions to executive branch agencies in the last eight years and 106 actions to Congress. The federal agencies, including DOD, Health and Human Services and DHS, have addressed just over half of the problems. Congress has a worse track record, failing to act in 56% of the cases documented in past federal audits. The GAO warns that “the federal government continues to face an unsustainable long-term fiscal path caused by an imbalance between federal revenue and spending,” and that opportunities exist in a number of areas to improve the situation. Now, elected officials and public servants must do their job. **JW**



# In the Media

**Mueller report proves that it's time to investigate the investigators**

*The Hill*

**By Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton**

**May 13, 2019**

Now that President Trump has been exonerated of the false accusations of collusion and obstruction, it is time to investigate the investigators.

The White House has justly praised the outcome of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation for clearing the president of the odious charges that have hung over his presidency since even before his inauguration. The Mueller report overall was favorable to the president, but it also should be remembered as the Mueller special counsel's final abuse of power. There were nearly 200 pages of irrelevancies about Russia collusion, but it couldn't disguise the fact that all of those alleged contacts between the Russians and the Trump campaign amounted to nothing, legally or substantively. And the fact remains that the institutional climate in the Justice Department has been so hostile to the president that we can be certain that, if there had been even a scintilla of evidence supporting a criminal indictment, it would have been pursued.

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**Judicial Watch** is not waiting for government investigators, however. We have pending approximately 50 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits seeking information on the



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Host Lou Dobbs and Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton on *Lou Dobbs Tonight*

anti-Trump coup.

**Judicial Watch** has, to date, pursued more than 40 FOIA lawsuits in an effort to get to the bottom of the "Russiagate" hoax, including dozens explicitly dealing with the illicit targeting and other abuses of power against President Trump. We also have 10 lawsuits dealing with the Mueller investigation specifically — because this assault on the rule of law is a dire threat to our republican form of government.

**New Documents Show FBI Gave Clinton Lawyer Special Treatment**  
*Epoch Times*  
**June 3, 2019**

Newly obtained internal FBI messages show the bureau failed to properly document agents' interviews of at least four witnesses in the investigation of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server to conduct official U.S. government business.

The documents, which were obtained by the nonprofit government watchdog **Judicial Watch** through a

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, also show the FBI gave Clinton's lawyer special treatment during the email investigation.

The new information was gleaned from the 218 pages of messages exchanged by former FBI counterintelligence executive Peter Strzok and former bureau lawyer Lisa Page.

**Judicial Watch Panel: Spygate And The Deep State: "Investigating The Investigators"**  
*Real Clear Politics*  
**June 3, 2019**

**Judicial Watch** hosted a special educational panel on Wednesday, May 29 to discuss "Investigating the Investigators." Now that the Mueller report has exonerated President Trump of the false accusations of collusion and obstruction, it is time to look into the politicization of DOJ and the intelligence community in their effort to undermine the president.

Panelists: Carter Page, Victoria Toensing, Chuck Ross, Chris Farrell.

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### FBI sought to ‘expeditiously’ grant Hillary Clinton lawyer’s request for info before 2016 election

**Washington Examiner**  
June 03, 2019

Internal FBI emails show bureau officials sought to expedite a Hillary Clinton lawyer’s request for information weeks before the 2016 presidential election.

Conservative watchdog group **Judicial Watch** released 218 pages of emails it obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit on Monday. The documents contain communications between former FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page, many of which relate to the FBI’s investigation of Clinton’s use of a private email server as secretary of state.

Strzok, a former FBI agent and lead investigator in the Clinton email investigation, and Page, a former

FBI lawyer, sent thousands of texts to each other about the Clinton and Trump-Russia investigations, sparking accusations of bias. Strzok was removed from the Russia investigation upon discovery of the texts and was later fired from the bureau.

### Rep. Gaetz: Trump’s campaign is an inclusive movement

**Fox News**  
Transcript of “Hannity”  
June 18, 2019

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**Hannity:** All right, now we do have the President on tomorrow exclusively, but we’re going to break all these stories also tomorrow night. So, we have a busy night. Tom, I’m running out of time. Quick headline you also on the Cheryl Mills stuff, I was stunned at what you broke today. Give us a headline, we will have you back tomorrow.

**Tom Fitton, President, Judicial**

**Watch:** Well, Hillary Clinton’s lawyer was talking to the person who set up her emails at the Clinton Foundation. He admits in testimony to **Judicial Watch** a federal court wants answers on Hillary Clinton’s email scandal. He can’t remember whether her servers — one of her servers were deleted or wiped. Of course he got money for his attorney’s fees from the Clintons.

We had other testimony from a top senior official at the State Department for security. He warned Hillary Clinton at least twice about her BlackBerry use and her use of personal emails. Mrs. Clinton, one of the reasons we have this Russia investigation, the fraud Russia investigation was to protect her and because of her. That search and destroy mission against President Trump he talked about is a result of Hillary Clinton’s dossier, which is still being used to go after him. **JW**

## JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

May 19, 2019 – June 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. All regional radio stations not marked ‘live’ are mentions.

### Radio

5/20	SiriusXM	National – Live
5/21	Frank Gaffney Radio	National – Live
5/22	WOAI	San Antonio, TX – Live
5/22	WJIM	Detroit, MI – Live
5/24	WIND	Chicago, IL – Live
5/28	FreedomWorks	National – Live
5/29	KFYI	Phoenix, AZ – Live
6/1	SiriusXM	National – Live
6/3	Sam Sorbo Radio	National – Live
6/3	KFAB	Omaha, NE – Live
6/7	KTRH	Houston, TX – Live
6/10	SBS	Australia, International
6/10	TSN	Canada, International
6/13	Seb Gorka Radio	National – Live
6/13	WLS	Chicago, IL – Live
6/14	KHOW	Denver, CO – Live
6/19	WOR	New York, NY – Live

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5/18	Fox News Channel	National – Live
5/23	Fox News Channel	National – Live
5/24	Fox News Channel	National – Live
5/29	Fox Business Network	National – Live
5/29	CSPAN2	National – Live
5/29	Sinclair	National – Live
5/29	OAN	National – Live
5/29	Epoch Times	National – Live
5/30	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/1	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/3	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/3	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/7	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/7	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/10	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/10	OAN	National – Live
6/11	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/13	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/13	OAN	National – Live
6/17	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/18	OAN	National – Live
6/18	Fox News Channel	National – Live

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