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The Complete Huma Abedin Report

*A Detailed History Of The Figure At The
Heart Of Hillary Clinton's Operation*

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Described by leading news outlets as “Hillary’s shadow,” Huma Abedin has been a ubiquitous presence in Hillary Clinton’s orbit for nearly two decades. Abedin is Clinton’s longest-serving aide, dating back to the mid 1990s and her tenure as First Lady. During Secretary Clinton’s time at State, Abedin simultaneously held high-level positions at the State Department, the Clinton Foundation, and Teneo, a private consulting firm with close Clinton ties. Abedin now operates at the heart of the Clinton operation, serving as her campaign Vice Chair.

Like her boss, Abedin is no stranger to controversy, and has repeatedly found herself embroiled in the same types

of ethical quagmires that are now jeopardizing Secretary Clinton’s presidential ambitions. However, much like Secretary Clinton’s ever-expanding email scandal, the controversies surrounding Abedin are complex, murky and can be difficult to explain. That is exactly what Secretary Clinton, Abedin, and the Clinton campaign are counting on.

Accordingly, America Rising PAC has compiled and is now for the first time releasing publicly: **“The Complete Huma Abedin Report: A Detailed History Of The Figure At The Heart Of Hillary Clinton’s Operation.”** The research dossier documents Abedin’s rapid rise through the ranks of Clinton world, and examines in detail many of the controversies that have contributed to the darkening ethical cloud surrounding both Abedin and Secretary Clinton, including:

- Her role in the private email scandal that has roiled the Clinton campaign for more than six months and threatens to derail the once-inevitable candidacy. Abedin was one of only a handful of people to possess a “coveted” Clintonemail.com address, and sent, received or was copied on numerous work-related emails on Clinton’s private server, including multiple emails containing classified information. In the tranche of emails released by the State Department on August 31st, NBC News described the “most damning” message as one sent from Abedin to Clinton informing her that even the IT Department at the State Department was unaware of her private email server, and the September 30th release established that Abedin had direct access to Clinton’s email account;
- Lingering questions about Abedin’s controversial “Special Government Employee” status that has forced the Clinton campaign to repeatedly address the conflict of interest-ridden arrangement that allowed Abedin to work for entities with vested interests in State Department business while simultaneously holding a senior position at State;
- How Abedin’s arrangement resulted in her drawing a paycheck from four separate Clinton-connected entities at the same time: the State Department, Teneo, the Clinton Foundation, and Hillary Clinton’s personal funds as her private aide. Only the salary information for the first two of these four positions is public information, and records indicate those entities alone paid Abedin at least \$490,000 annually;
- Abedin’s role as a key member of the approval process for Bill Clinton’s public speaking schedule during Hillary Clinton’s tenure at State. In one especially controversial example, ABC News discovered that Abedin, along with then-State Department Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills, was copied on an email from the Clinton Foundation seeking approval from State to deliver a paid speech “related to two of the most repressive countries in the world -- North Korea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” The episode, which would have paid President Clinton \$650,000, illustrates the overlapping webs and potential conflicts of interest within Clinton world, and Abedin’s role at the middle of it all. The Washington Post recently took an in-depth look at “the unique position that Abedin occupied at the apex of the Clintons’ public and private worlds”;
- The curious timing of Abedin’s decision to form a private LLC, called Zain Endeavors, 11 days before stepping down as Clinton’s deputy chief of staff at Foggy Bottom and before she began accepting private sector clients. The LLC is an issue that the State Department, Clinton campaign, and their lawyers have all refused to address;

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- The formal and ongoing investigation of embezzlement by the Inspector General into potential criminal conduct over allegations that Abedin improperly accepted nearly \$10,000 of taxpayer money for unused sick time;
- How Abedin's "influence reached a new level" in her current role as Vice Chair of Secretary Clinton's 2016 campaign. At \$277,052.36 per year, Abedin is the campaign's highest compensated employee and was responsible for interviewing prospective senior staff. She has a staff of 30 employees who report directly to her and frequently travels with Clinton on the trail, as well as standing in for her as a surrogate at campaign events.

As CNN observed, "outside of the immediate family, there may be no one closer to Hillary Clinton than Huma Abedin." Given their long history, close relationship, and emerging interconnected scandals, it is increasingly clear that Abedin's ethics and conduct are extremely relevant to understanding the ethics and conduct of Secretary Clinton, and that many of Abedin's ethical controversies directly involve Secretary Clinton.

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Chapter 1

Rise To Power: From White House Intern To "Hillary's Translator"

Huma Abedin's association with the Clinton family began during Bill Clinton's first term as president, when Abedin served as an intern in then-First Lady Hillary Clinton's office. As Clinton's career progressed, so too did Abedin's. She quickly rose up the ranks, serving in roles such as personal assistant, "body woman," staff assistant, senior adviser, traveling chief of staff, and deputy chief of staff. Along the way, Abedin amassed hundreds of thousands of dollars in salary and perks like foreign travel funded by private individuals and groups. No other staffer has been at Clinton's side for as long or had as much access to Clinton as Abedin.

Abedin Started Working In The Clinton Administration As An Intern Assigned To The First Lady's Office

Abedin Started In The Clinton White House As An Intern. "Looking through Abedin's closet, you can see the progression from a young college graduate who wore Ann Taylor suits, thrilled to land a job as an intern in the White House, to, eleven years later, a Chanel-wearing, deeply confident 32-year-old woman whose BlackBerry contains some of the most famous names in America." (Rebecca Johnson, "Hillary's Secret Weapon: Huma Abedin," *Vogue*, 8/1/07)

Abedin Became Hillary Clinton's "Personal Assistant" After Bill Clinton's Re-Election. "Hillary's personal assistant after the 1996 election, Saudi-born Huma Abedin, still is one of the few aides to regularly accompany her everywhere from Israel to Buffalo. Halley imparts no sense of why anyone, himself included, is so devoted to Hillary Clinton after so rough a decade." (Vince Morris, "Advancing Hillary; Political Booknotes," *Washington Monthly*, 9/1/02)

NOTE: While the above bullet indicated Abedin was born in Saudi Arabia, she was in fact born in Kalamazoo, MI.

SENIOR ADVISOR IN SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON'S OFFICE

Abedin Served As An Advisor And Aide During Clinton's 2000 Senate Campaign

During Clinton's 2000 Senate Campaign, Abedin Served As An Aide And Advisor. "For several years, she was the backup to Mrs. Clinton's permanent personal aide, Allison Stein, and she officially took over as Mrs. Clinton's aide and advisor around the time of the 2000 Senate race." (Spencer Morgan, "Hillary's Mystery Woman: Who Is Huma?" *New York Observer*, 4/2/07)

During Clinton's Tenure In The U.S. Senate, Abedin Served As A Staff Assistant Then As A Senior Advisor

According To Legistorm, From March 2001 To September 2004, Abedin Was A Staff Assistant In Then-Senator Clinton's Office. (Legistorm, Accessed 8/17/15)

According To Legistorm, From 2005 To January 2009, Abedin Was A Senior Adviser In Then-Senator Clinton's Office. (Legistorm, Accessed 8/17/15)

NOTE: In 2008, Abedin Also Worked For Clinton's Presidential Campaign. (Legistorm, Accessed 8/17/15)

From White House Intern To Hillary Clinton's "Body Woman"

During Clinton's Tenure In The U.S. Senate, Abedin Was Paid Over \$160,000

As A Senate Staffer, Abedin Was Paid \$161,991.74 From 2001 To 2009. (*Legistorm, Accessed 8/17/15*)

NOTE: During this time period, Abedin also received compensation from Clinton's campaign committees and leadership PAC.

During Clinton's Tenure In The U.S. Senate, Abedin Took 39 Trips Valued At Over \$66,800 And Paid For By Private Groups

According To Legistorm, As A Staffer For Clinton's Senate Office, Abedin Took 39 Trips Valued At \$66,838 Paid For By Private Groups. (*Legistorm, Accessed 8/17/15*)

As Of September 2007, While Working For Hillary Clinton In The U.S. Senate, Abedin Took 37 "Fact-Finding" Visits Costing \$64,406 Mostly Paid For By "Private Donors, Universities, Trade Groups, Or Nonprofits." "It's getting harder to hide congressional 'fact-finding' missions to beach resorts and golf courses. Tougher ethics legislation is making its way through Capitol Hill, even as federal agents raided the home of Alaska senator Ted Stevens as part of a widening corruption probe. And information made available by LegiStorm, an online database of congressional information (including the salaries of Hill staffers), has made it easier to track trips by senators and representatives. According to documents on the Web site, in the past seven years US representatives, senators, and their staffs have set out on more than 27,000 national and international excursions. The total cost of the trips is in the \$50-million range, mostly underwritten by private donors, universities, trade groups, or nonprofits...The 37 fact-finding visits that Hillary Clinton's right-hand woman, Huma Abedin, made for the senator in that period cost \$64,406." (*Drew Bratcher and Garrett Graff, "A Very Good Ticket To Ride," Washingtonian, 9/1/07*)

“The 37 fact-finding visits that Hillary Clinton's right-hand woman, Huma Abedin, made for the senator in that period cost \$64,406.” – *Washington Magazine*

Abedin And Clinton Used A Private Jet Provided By Lockheed That Stretched Senate Ethics Rules. "Last year, Lockheed's PAC gave Clinton the maximum \$5,000 donation, a first since Clinton became senator, but its generosity didn't start there. In July 2004, Clinton and her personal aide, Huma Abedin, boarded a Lockheed jet at Dulles and zipped up to Troy for the day with the Italian ambassador to the U.S., Sergio Vento, for the first-ever New York State Little Italy Heritage Tourism Conference. After the full-day affair, Clinton zipped back down to Teterboro, New Jersey, on Lockheed's jet. The trip, labeled on disclosure forms as a 'speaking engagement,' was paid for by Lockheed, even though Senate ethics rules mandate that a primary sponsor of the event pony up. Jennifer Hanley, a Clinton rep, insists no ethical breaches were made, explaining that Clinton and Lockheed share the same goal bringing jobs upstate and that Lockheed's free lift to Troy was made in that spirit." (*Geoffrey Gray, "Hillary's Friendly Skies: Air Lockheed; Military-Industrial Complexities For Senator," New York Magazine, 6/26/06*)

2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Abedin Served As Clinton's Traveling Chief Of Staff And "Body Woman" During Her 2008 Presidential Campaign

"At State And During The 2008 Campaign She Was Considered Clinton's 'Body Woman,' Never Far From Clinton's Side And Often Seen Watching Her Boss Intently, Ready To Scramble To Her Aid At Any Minute." (*Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15*)

From White House Intern To Hillary Clinton's "Body Woman"

Abedin's 2008 "Presidential Campaign Title [Was] 'Traveling Chief Of Staff.'" (Spencer Morgan, "Hillary's Mystery Woman: Who Is Huma?" New York Observer, 4/2/07)

ABEDIN IN THE CLINTON STATE DEPARTMENT CLINTON'S DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

During Clinton's Tenure At The State Department, Abedin Served As Deputy Chief Of Staff, Then Handled Clinton's Transition When She Left The State Department

During Clinton's Tenure As Secretary Of State, Abedin Served As Clinton's Deputy Chief Of Staff. (Huma Abedin, 2009 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 5/14/10; Huma Abedin, 2010 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 5/12/11; Huma Abedin, 2011 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 4/3/12; Huma Abedin, 2012 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 10/30/12)

Abedin Served As Director Of Clinton's Transition Office When She Left From The State Department In 2013. "At the same time, Ms. Abedin served as a consultant to the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation and worked in a personal capacity for Mrs. Clinton as she prepared to transition out of her job as secretary of state. ... Ms. Abedin, who is one of Mrs. Clinton's most trusted advisers, ended her consulting practice in March, when she moved on to become director of Mrs. Clinton's transition office." (Raymond Hernandez, "Weiner's Wife Didn't Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.," *The New York Times*, 5/16/13)

In 2010, Abedin Was Immediately Informed When Clinton's New Ipad Arrived

On June 25, 2010, Clinton Aide Phillippe Reines Told Clinton And Abedin That Clinton's iPad Arrived. (Email From Phillippe Reines To Secretary Clinton, "hPad," U.S. State Department, 6/26/10)

From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 26, 2010 7:24 AM
To: 'preines'
Subject: Re: hPad

That is exciting news--do you think you can teach me to use it on the flight to Kyev next week?

----- Original Message -----
From: PIR <preines>
To: H
Cc: Huma Abedin
Sent: Fri Jun 25 20:23:28 2010
Subject: hPad

your iPad has arrived!

(Email From Phillippe Reines To Secretary Clinton, "hPad," U.S. State Department, 6/25/10)

Chapter 2

Abedin's Influence "Reaches A New Level"

Over the span of more than 20 years, Huma Abedin's role in Hillary Clinton's orbit has evolved from staffer to right hand. Multiple media outlets have cited Clinton and her confidants calling Abedin Clinton's "second daughter," "surrogate daughter," and a "close friend" to Chelsea Clinton. One Clinton aide went so far as to say, "I'm not sure Hillary could walk out the door without Huma."

Abedin's rise culminated in her appointment as Vice Chair of Hillary for America, a top role on Clinton's 2016 campaign for president. By all accounts, this position heralded a new level of influence for Abedin in Clinton world. Per FEC reports, Abedin is slated to receive an annual salary of \$277,000, making her the highest paid staffer on the campaign, and occupies a corner office at the campaign's Brooklyn headquarters with a staff of 30 reporting directly to her. The position has also empowered Abedin to become a campaign surrogate herself, attending meetings and speaking to groups on Clinton's behalf.

"Abedin Is The High-Fashion Figure Glued To Clinton's Side—Passing Notes, Whispering In Her Ear, Working Her Cell Phone." (Nina Easton, "How Huma Abedin Became Hillary Clinton's Confidante And 'Translator,'" *Fortune*, 6/10/15)

"Clinton And Abedin, According To Top Officials Who Worked With Them At The State Department, Also Share A Visible Bond That Comes From Having Spent The Majority Of The Past Two Decades Side By Side." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

"Abedin Has Spent Hundreds Of Air-Travel Hours With Hillary" And Has What Has Been Described As A "Familial" Relationship. "As deputy chief of staff under Secretary of State Clinton, Abedin has spent hundreds of air-travel hours with Hillary, developing a relationship that colleagues describes as familial—along with an encyclopedic knowledge of the people and projects that populate the complicated global tangle of Clinton-world." (Nina Easton, "How Huma Abedin Became Hillary Clinton's Confidante And 'Translator,'" *Fortune*, 6/10/15)

"Top Politicians, And Even Bill Clinton, Would Phone Her To Reach Hillary, And Emails Released In Recent Months Showed She Enjoyed Access To Clinton At Her Private Home, Too, Dropping Items Off On Her Counter And Instructing Her How To Dress And Keeping Her Schedule." (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," *Politico*, 8/13/15)

According To Phil Gordon, Who Worked With Abedin In The Clinton State Department, "The Two Of Them Have Probably Spent More Time With Each Other Than With Their Families." "With the miles and days on the road, you become family," said Phil Gordon, former assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian Affairs, who worked closely with Abedin at the State Department. "Hillary Clinton has seen her grow over the past 20 years. The two of them have probably spent more time with each other than with their families." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

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Clinton Adviser Mandy Grunwald: "I'm Not Sure Hillary Could Walk Out The Door Without Huma." "I'm not sure Hillary could walk out the door without Huma,' says Clinton adviser Mandy Grunwald. 'She's a little like Radar on M*A*S*H. If the air-conditioning is too cold, Huma is there with the shawl. She's always thinking three steps ahead of Hillary.'" (Rebecca Johnson, "Hillary's Secret Weapon: Huma Abedin," *Vogue*, 8/1/07)

Abedin Has Been Described As A "Surrogate Daughter" To The Clintons

Abedin Has Been Described As A "Surrogate Daughter" To Bill And Hillary Clinton. "A surrogate daughter to Bill and Hillary Clinton who has seen firsthand the cleansing power of campaigns, Ms. Abedin has leapt into her husband's effort, conferring on strategy and helping to hire staff members from her long history with the Clintons: Ms. Abedin worked with Mr. Weiner's new 30-year-old campaign manager, Danny Kedem, during Mrs. Clinton's 2008 presidential run." (Michael M. Grynbaum, Michael Barbaro and Amy Chozick, "A Wife With Powerful Ties Is An Unexpected Architect Of A New York Comeback," *The New York Times*, 5/23/13)

The Clintons "Have All But Adopted [Abedin] As Family..." "Still, for Ms. Abedin, promoting her husband's career is a mission with some peril: Bill and Hillary Clinton, who have all but adopted her as family, remain deeply wary of appearing close with Mr. Weiner, a tarnished, unpopular figure." (Michael M. Grynbaum, Michael Barbaro and Amy Chozick, "A Wife With Powerful Ties Is An Unexpected Architect Of A New York Comeback," *The New York Times*, 5/23/13)

Abedin Has Also Been Described As A "Close Friend" Of Chelsea Clinton. "When Chelsea Clinton wanted to make a low-key visit to the hurricane-stricken Rockaways last fall, she arranged to take a trip with her close friend Huma Abedin, a longtime aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton. So some members of the Clinton camp were surprised and unsettled to learn that Ms. Abedin also brought along her husband, Anthony D. Weiner, the former congressman who had rarely been seen in public since resigning his seat the previous year." (Michael M. Grynbaum, Michael Barbaro and Amy Chozick, "A Wife With Powerful Ties Is An Unexpected Architect Of A New York Comeback," *The New York Times*, 5/23/13)

At The Time Of Abedin's Wedding In 2010, Hillary Clinton Said, "...If I Had A Second Daughter, It Would (Be) Huma." "Former President Clinton officiated at Abedin's 2010 wedding to Weiner. At the time, former Secretary of State Clinton said: 'I have one daughter. But if I had a second daughter, it would (be) Huma.'" ("Huma Abedin DINES WITH CLINTON SPOKESMAN," *CNN's Political Ticker*, 7/29/13)

In The Summer Of 2014, Abedin Was On Set With Clinton At The Glamour Magazine Shoot To Promote Clinton's Memoir, Hard Choices. "During a photo shoot with Glamour magazine last summer to promote Clinton's memoir, 'Hard Choices,' Abedin was also on set, making sure the couch was firm enough not to swallow up Clinton, and holding up outfits for her to choose, a source recalled." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

VICE CHAIR OF CLINTON'S 2016 CAMPAIGN

"It Was In The Buildup To The 2016 Campaign That Abedin's Influence Reached A New Level." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

Abedin Is Hillary For America's Vice Chair And Is Known As "Hillary's Translator." "Two decades later, Abedin is at the center of Clinton's presidential bid, with a title of campaign vice chair. And by most accounts, she is candidate Clinton's closest aide—'Hillary's translator,' as one insider puts it." (Nina Easton, "How Huma Abedin Became Hillary Clinton's Confidante And 'Translator,'" *Fortune*, 6/10/15)

In The Second Quarter Of 2015, Hillary For America Paid Huma Abedin \$69,263. (*Hillary For America, July 15 Quarterly Report, Federal Election Commission, Filed 7/15/15*)

Abedin Is The "Top Paid Employee" On Clinton's Campaign And Is Slated To Receive A Salary Of Over \$277,000 A Year. "The top paid employee on Hillary Clinton's campaign is Huma Abedin. According to Federal Election Commission disclosures released this week, Abedin was paid \$69,263.09 in the first quarter of the campaign. Should Abedin continue to receive disbursements of the same amount, she'll be set to receive \$277,052.36 per year." (*Daniel Halper, "Huma Abedin Paid \$69,263 In First Quarter Of Clinton Campaign," The Weekly Standard, 7/17/15*)

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Former Al Gore Adviser Michael Feldman: "At This Point, Huma's Role Is So Important That They Are Now Baking That Into The Process Of The Campaign." "At this point, Huma's role is so important that they are now baking that into the process of the campaign,' said Michael Feldman, a former adviser to Al Gore who has known Abedin for years. 'She provides the judgment, perspective and institutional memory that literally can't be replicated. When you have someone who can be a surrogate not just externally, but internally, that saves a lot of time. It becomes a glue that holds things together.'" (*Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," Politico, 7/2/15*)

Abedin Interviewed Top Staff For Clinton's Campaign, Including Campaign Manager Robby Mook. "Over the past year and a half, when Clinton was operating out of her personal office, Abedin conducted interviews with all senior campaign staffers, pre-screening them before Clinton did, including candidates on the short list for campaign manager, which included Mook. 'There is no one senior in the campaign that she didn't have initial meetings with,' said Nides." (*Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," Politico, 7/2/15*)

"As The Only Official Channel To Clinton Over The Past Year, Abedin Also Became The Go-To Phone Call For Longtime Donors Looking For Information And Access." (*Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," Politico, 7/2/15*)

Abedin Has A Corner Office At The Hillary For America Headquarters In Brooklyn, NY, A Staff Of 30, And Works In Clinton's Midtown Manhattan Office

Abedin "Checked Out" Clinton's Campaign Headquarters And Toured The Neighborhood Weeks Before The Lease Was Signed. [The Clinton campaign is] officially setting up shop at 1 Pierrepont Plaza in Brooklyn Heights. A lease has been signed at that location for Clinton's campaign headquarters, according to a source familiar with the deal. The operation will occupy two full floors of the building, which is close to 12 subway lines and a dozen bus lines. ... Clinton's chief of staff, Huma Abedin, checked out the building weeks ago and took a walking tour of the neighborhood." (*Annie Karni and Gabriel Debenedetti, "Hillary Clinton's Brooklyn," Politico, 4/13/15*)

Abedin Has One Of Two Corner Offices At The Hillary For America Headquarters And A Staff Of About 30. "Back at the campaign headquarters in Brooklyn, she has been awarded one of two corner offices with a sweeping view of the East River and the Brooklyn Bridge. About 30 campaign staffers report directly to her, including the teams overseeing the briefing book, scheduling, advance, correspondence, travel and engagement." (*Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," Politico, 7/2/15*)

Abedin "Also Often Works In Midtown At The Second Campaign Office, Where Clinton Keeps Her Personal Office." (*Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," Politico, 7/2/15*)

"It Marks A Transformative Shift For Abedin, From Loyal Assistant, More Often Seen Than Heard, To Campaign Power Center Of Her Own." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

"For All Intentions And Purposes, She's No. 3 On The Campaign, After [Campaign Chairman John] Podesta And [Campaign Manager Robby] Mook, Explained A Clinton Campaign Aide." (Nina Easton, "How Huma Abedin Became Hillary Clinton's Confidante And 'Translator,'" *Fortune*, 6/10/15)

Abedin Has Become A Campaign Surrogate In Her Own Right

Abedin's Role With Clinton's Campaign Is Becoming Larger, As Abedin Becomes A Surrogate For Clinton. "Yet Abedin's early appearances on the trail and book tour fail to capture the larger and growing role she now occupies. Abedin, inside sources said, is weaning herself slowly away from a life on the road to occupy a perch overseeing the campaign operation and serving more often as an independent surrogate for her boss." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

Abedin Met With South Carolina Lawmakers In June 2015 On Clinton's Behalf. "When she is on the trail, Abedin has taken on an expansive set of duties. On trips to South Carolina, for instance, which Clinton visited last week to attend the funeral of the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Abedin has held two private meetings with South Carolina state legislators on her boss's behalf." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

Abedin Sat With Mayor Bill De Blasio One-On-One For 45 Minutes When Clinton Got Stuck In Traffic. "When Clinton got stuck in traffic on her way to a meeting with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio — who since the meeting has refused to endorse her campaign — Abedin met with him one-on-one for 45 minutes before Clinton eventually appeared." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

Abedin Is Expected To Begin Headlining Fundraisers Herself. "As part of the elevated role, Abedin is scheduled to begin headlining fundraisers and speaking in front of donors in the coming weeks, and will likely do more after that, campaign operatives said." (Annie Karni, "Hillary's Shadow," *Politico*, 7/2/15)

According To A Clinton Campaign Memo, Abedin Is One Of 17 Senior Staffers On The "Initial Roster" Of The Campaign's 9 A.M. Conference Call For Senior Aides. "As Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign gets under way, a document obtained by Bloomberg offers a detailed accounting of who's at the top of the heap. The document, a draft memo from campaign manager Robby Mook dated April 21, includes lists of staffers who make up the initial roster of a daily 9 a.m. conference call for senior aides and a thrice-weekly 8 a.m. strategy session. ... The document lists 17 senior staffers invited to the 9 a.m. call. They include eight veterans of Clinton's 2008 campaign, most of whom are longtime loyalists who have served Clinton in several roles, such as vice chair Huma Abedin, policy adviser Jake Sullivan, and digital director Katie Dowd." (Jennifer Epstein and Mark Halperin, "An Inside Look At The Hillary Clinton Inner Circle," *Bloomberg*, 5/6/15)

Abedin And Mandy Grunwald Are The Only Senior Political Aides From Clinton's 2008 Campaign To Participate In Strategy Calls. "Aside from Abedin, the sole senior political aide from Clinton's 2008 campaign on the lists is ad maker and communications adviser Mandy Grunwald, who is a leading voice on the strategy calls. Three mid-level aides from 2008 are included in the strategy group: Mook, speechwriter Dan Schwerin, and research director Tony Carrk, senior researcher for the 2008 campaign." (Jennifer Epstein and Mark Halperin, "An Inside Look At The Hillary Clinton Inner Circle," *Bloomberg*, 5/6/15)

Abedin Participated In A Conference Call With "Major Donors" The Day After Hillary Clinton Started Her Presidential Run In April 2015. "[John] Podesta, [Dennis] Cheng and other top advisers held a conference call with major donors Monday afternoon, including campaign vice chair Huma Abedin, who called in from Clinton's van shortly after stopping for lunch at a Chipotle restaurant in Ohio. Veteran bundlers said they sense a more sophisticated, buttoned-down approach to the 2016

fundraising operation than in past Clinton campaigns." (Philip Rucker and Matea Gold, "Hillary Clinton Starts Small In Iowa As Her Vast National Network Whirs To Life," *The Washington Post*, 4/13/15)

Abedin Has Been Out On The Campaign Trail With Clinton Since She Launched Her Campaign In April

Abedin Accompanied Clinton On Her First Campaign Trip To Iowa. "Mrs. Clinton was accompanied by Huma Abedin, her longtime aide, who is the vice chairwoman of the campaign; Nick Merrill, a press secretary; and Jim Margolis, the campaign's media adviser. At least a half-dozen Iowa-based campaign workers worked to set up and manage the event." (Amy Chozick and Trip Gabriel, "For Hillary Clinton, 'Small' Events Still Draw A Frenzy Of Attention," *The New York Times*, 4/14/15)

Abedin Was With Clinton When She Was Spotted Dining At A Chipotle During Her First Campaign Trip. "Driving to Iowa for her first campaign swing, Mrs. Clinton's van – with two aides and Secret Service agents onboard – pulled into a Chipotle restaurant for lunch in Maumee, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. And no one recognized her. ... The Chipotle videotape shows Mrs. Clinton standing with Huma Abedin, her longtime aide who is the vice chairwoman of the campaign, waiting for their order. And it was Mrs. Clinton who carried off their meals, while Ms. Abedin hung back." (Maggie Haberman, "Hillary Clinton, Just An Unrecognized Burrito Bowl Fan At Chipotle," *The New York Times*, 4/13/15)

“The Chipotle videotape shows Mrs. Clinton standing with Huma Abedin, her longtime aide who is the vice chairwoman of the campaign, waiting for their order.” – Maggie Haberman, *New York Times*

Abedin Flew With Clinton In The First-Class Section On Her Flight Back To Washington, D.C., At The End Of Her First Campaign Trip. "With her first campaign trip drawing to a close, Hillary Clinton traded the Scooby road-trip van for a first-class airplane seat to make the trip back to Washington. The Democratic presidential candidate flew from Boston's Logan Airport to Ronald Reagan National Airport on Tuesday night, sitting in row one of the U.S. Airways' first-class section. ... On the flight back to D.C., Huma Abedin, a longtime aide to Mrs. Clinton, sat next to her." (Natalie Andrews, "Hillary Clinton Flies First Class Back To Washington," *The Wall Street Journal's Washington Wire*, 4/21/15)

Chapter 3

Ethical Controversies & Questions

Given her central role in the Clinton operation Huma Abedin has also been deeply involved in many of the scandals and controversies that have plagued Clinton. Exceptions made for Abedin, including her status as a “Special Government Employee,” and her use of the now-infamous Clintonemail.com while at the State Department, have drawn ethical questions and closer scrutiny of Abedin’s conduct.

Abedin’s “Special Government Employee” status allowed her to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff at the State Department while simultaneously accepting private sector clients, including the Clinton Foundation and Clinton-tied Teneo, both of which had a stake in projects directly impacted by State Department decisions—presenting a clear conflict of interest for Abedin. The arrangement, which shielded Abedin from having to disclose her private earnings, reportedly earned Abedin more than \$350,000 from Teneo while she simultaneously earned \$130,000 in a taxpayer-funded salary from the State Department. Her deal shielded Abedin from having to report her private earnings. The arrangement is now the subject of a Congressional investigation.

That investigation has been hindered, in part, by Abedin’s initial refusal to turn over her Clintonemail.com emails from her time at the State Department. While Clinton signed an agreement, under the penalty of perjury, that she turned all of her emails over to the State Department, Abedin refused to do so. The security of that private server is now the focus of an FBI probe.

Additionally, Abedin’s time at the State Department has resulted in a pay dispute. During the four years she worked at the State Department, Abedin claims to have never taken sick leave or vacation days. The State Department disagrees and believes Abedin was overpaid about \$10,000—an assertion Abedin contests.

These and other eyebrow-raising controversies have made it clear that as Abedin’s power and influence grew, so too did her willingness to make ethically questionable and potentially illegal decisions for her own benefit – and that of her boss, Hillary Clinton.

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE STATUS

In May 2013, It Was Revealed That Abedin Had Received A Special Arrangement To Work At The State Department And In The Private Sector

In May 2013 The New York Times Reported That Abedin Was Given “An Arrangement” That Allowed Abedin To Keep Private Sector Clients While Serving As A Top Advisor To Clinton At The State Department. “The State Department, under Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, created an arrangement for her longtime aide and confidante Huma Abedin to work for private clients as a consultant while serving as a top adviser in the department.” (Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” *The New York Times*, 5/16/13)

Abedin Received Her Arrangement By Being Labeled As A “Special Government Employee.” “Under the arrangement, first reported by Politico, Abedin was a ‘special government employee,’ a category created decades ago designed to allow experts to serve in government while keeping outside jobs.” (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, “Who Are State Dept’s 100 ‘Special Government Employees’? It Won’t Say,” *ProPublica*, 11/13/13)

The Classification Abedin Received Is A Category Created For Outside Experts To Serve The Government. “Under the arrangement, first reported by Politico, Abedin was a ‘special government employee,’ a category created decades ago designed to allow experts to serve in government while keeping outside jobs.” (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, “Who Are State Dept’s 100 ‘Special Government Employees’? It Won’t Say,” *ProPublica*, 11/13/13)

“Some Good-Government Groups Have Been Critical Of Such Situations, Saying Public Employees’ Loyalty Should Be Solely To The Public And Their Government Work, Rather Than Private Firms And Figures.” (Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” *The New York Times*, 5/16/13)

Executive Director Of CREW: “If She Was Being Held Out As A Deputy Chief Of Staff, It Would Be Highly Unusual For Her To Be A Part-Time Employee Or A Consultant.” “Melanie Sloane, executive director of CREW, an ethics watchdog group, said the arrangement that Ms. Abedin had seemed unusual. ‘If she was being held out as a deputy chief of staff, it would be highly unusual for her to be a part-time employee or a consultant,’ she said. ‘Being a deputy chief of staff at the State Department is generally considered more than a full-time job.’” (Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” *The New York Times*, 5/16/13)

Abedin’s Clients Included The Clinton Foundation And Clinton-Linked Consulting Firm Teneo

Abedin’s Clients Included The Clinton Foundation And Consulting Firm Teneo Holdings. “While continuing her work at the State Department, in the latter half of 2012, she also worked for Teneo, a strategic consulting firm, which was founded by Doug Band, a former adviser to President Bill Clinton. Teneo has advised corporate clients like Coca-Cola and MF Global, the collapsed brokerage firm run by Jon S. Corzine, a former governor of New Jersey. At the same time, Ms. Abedin served as a consultant to the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation and worked in a personal capacity for Mrs. Clinton as she prepared to transition out of her job as secretary of state.” (Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” *The New York Times*, 5/16/13)

Teneo Holdings Is A Corporate Advisory Firm Launched By Longtime Bill Clinton Aide Doug Band, Who “Deployed His Clinton Connections On A Grand Scale” When He Launched Teneo. “In 2011, he and Irish businessman Declan Kelly had launched Teneo, a corporate advisory firm that was hosting the Essex House event. As the guests of honor arrived—Bush looking trim in a royal-blue suit and lemon-yellow tie, Clinton in conservative dark gray—they were whisked upstairs for an unscheduled photo shoot with Band’s friends and family, including his wife, Lily Rafi, a stylish investment banker-turned-handbag designer, and their two young children, Max and Sophie. The detour made Clinton, Bush, and Blair late for their pre-dinner obligation—a photo line with no fewer than 60 attendees. ... When Band launched Teneo, he deployed his Clinton connections on a grander scale. In 2010, he, Declan Kelly, and a third partner registered the first of several entities in Delaware that would become Teneo. Band and Kelly had met during the 2008 campaign when Kelly was fundraising for Hillary. Kelly had previously owned a P.R. firm, and the plan was for Band to offer the kind of strategic savvy he’d provided to Clinton.” (Alec MacGillis, “Scandal At Clinton Inc.,” *The New Republic*, 9/22/13)

In 2012, “Abedin Signed On With The Firm, Providing, In Her Own Words, ‘Strategic Advice And Consulting Services To The Firm’s Management Team’ As Well As Helping To ‘Organize A Major Annual Firm Event.’” (Alec MacGillis, “Scandal At Clinton Inc.,” *The New Republic*, 9/22/13)

“In Answering A 2013 Letter From Grassley, Huma Detailed The Consulting Work She Did Outside The State Department. She Wrote That She Worked With Clinton ‘In Her Personal Capacity To Help Prepare For Her Transition From Public Service.’” (Chris Frates, “New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department,” *CNN*, 8/19/15)

“For The Clinton Foundation, Abedin Wrote That She Assessed ‘The Foundation’s Ongoing Programs And Structure In Planning For The Secretary’s Post-State Philanthropic Activities.’” (Chris Frates, “New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department,” *CNN*, 8/19/15)

Abedin Said She “Provided Strategic Advice And Consulting Services” To Teneo’s Management Team And Did Not Represent The Firm Before The State Department. “And at Teneo, she ‘provided strategic advice and consulting services to the firm’s management team.’ And she wrote that she did not represent the firm before the State Department, noting that it was her understanding that Teneo didn’t do business with the department. ‘I also was not asked, nor did I provide, insights about the Department, my work with the Secretary, or any government information to which I may have had access,’ she wrote. ‘And, I certainly never ‘gathered information from government sources for the purpose of informing investment decisions of Teneo’s clients’ as the Senate letter suggests.’” (Chris Frates, “New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department,” CNN, 8/19/15)

In The Spring Of 2012, Abedin Was Asked For Help Winning A Presidential Appointment For A Clinton Foundation Supporter, Illustrating “The Relationship Between Clinton’s Most Trusted Confidant And The Private Consulting Company That Asked For The Favor, Teneo Inc.” “A spring 2012 email to Hillary Clinton’s top State Department aide, Huma Abedin, asked for help winning a presidential appointment for a supporter of the Clinton Foundation, according to a chain obtained by POLITICO. The messages illustrate the relationship between Clinton’s most trusted confidant and the private consulting company that asked for the favor, Teneo Inc. — a global firm that later hired Abedin. Abedin signed on with the company while she still held a State Department position, a dual employment that is now being examined by congressional investigators.” (Rachael Bade, “Emails Show Huma Abedin’s Ties To Private Consulting Firm,” Politico, 9/23/15)

In An April 10, 2012 Email, Teneo President Doug Band Asked Abedin To Help Get A Teneo Client Nominated To The President’s Global Development Council, Mentioning That She Was A “Huge Foundation/CGI Supporter And Close Pal Of WJC,” As Well As A Teneo Client. “In the April 10, 2012 exchange, Teneo president Doug Band — a close confidant of Bill Clinton— asked Abedin to help him get Rodin nominated to The President’s Global Development Council. The Rockefeller Foundation at the time was both a Teneo client and Clinton Foundation donor — and Band made that point in his email to Abedin. The email subject line read: ‘She is expecting us to help her get appointed to this.’ ‘Judy rodin,’ he wrote to Abedin in the shorthand email. ‘Huge foundation/cgi supporter and close pal of wjc[.] Teneo reps her as well[.] Can you help?’ ‘Wjc’ is often used as shorthand for Bill Clinton. And ‘foundation,’ likely means Clinton Foundation.” (Rachael Bade, “Emails Show Huma Abedin’s Ties To Private Consulting Firm,” Politico, 9/23/15)

In His Email, Band Forwarded An Email Thread In Which Multiple Teneo Employees Discussed Political Figures, Including Sen. Chuck Schumer, Valerie Jarrett, And Vice President Joe Biden’s Chief Of Staff, Who Could Be Contacted For White House Help. “In the message to Abedin, Band forwarded along the full conversation, whereby multiple Teneo employees openly discussed who in power they could contact to help get their client Rodin assigned to the new post. ‘Could someone from [Sen. Chuck] Schumer’s office place a call to the WH?’ Orson Porter, senior vice president of Teneo, asked Tom Shea, the managing director. ‘Doug is willing to push with Valerie or HRC, but I can’t find out who the decision maker is,’ Shea replied, perhaps referring to Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser to President Barack Obama. Eventually Porter sent the email up the chain to Band. ‘Hey brother — it’s been a lift in the [W]hite [H]ouse,’ he wrote to Band. ‘She is not on anyone’s friend list — VJ’s office promised to send it up the flag pole, but they will need to hear from someone outside of us — I keep pushing Tom to have a congressional office send a note. Do you think Bruce Reed would be helpful?’ Reed was Vice President Joe Biden’s chief of staff. Porter, in another message a few minutes later, told Band ‘a [H]uma call to USAID would be helpful.’ Band forwarded that to Abedin with his short note.” (Rachael Bade, “Emails Show Huma Abedin’s Ties To Private Consulting Firm,” Politico, 9/23/15)

“Abedin Forwarded The Message To Her Clinton Email Address On May 24, 2012 – More Than A Month Later.” (Rachael Bade, “Emails Show Huma Abedin’s Ties To Private Consulting Firm,” Politico, 9/23/15)

NOTE: There Is No Evidence That Abedin Interceded On Behalf Of The Interests Of A Teneo Client, Who Ultimately Did Not Get The Appointment That Was Sought. “Abedin’s legal team maintains that the part-time jobs were appropriate and approved by Abedin’s supervisors at State and that she did nothing wrong. Indeed, in the email request obtained by POLITICO, there is no evidence that Abedin interceded on behalf of Teneo as it sought a new appointment for Judith Rodin, a Teneo client and president of the Rockefeller Foundation. Rodin, a former White House appointee to the White House Council for Community Solutions, did not get the appointment Teneo was seeking.” (*Rachael Bade, “Emails Show Huma Abedin’s Ties To Private Consulting Firm,” Politico, 9/23/15*)

In A Statement, Sen. Grassley Called The Email “A Troubling Example Of Teneo And The Clinton Foundation Seeking State Department Help For A Teneo Client And Clinton Foundation Supporter” That “Raises Serious Questions.” “Grassley contends that the emails suggest a blurred line between a private firm and government work. ‘This is a troubling example of Teneo and the Clinton Foundation seeking State Department help for a Teneo client and Clinton Foundation supporter,’ Grassley said in a statement. ‘It raises serious questions... Was anyone vetting the potential conflicts of interest? Were there other requests like this, and if so, how were they handled? The State Department ought to release the rest of any such emails in the interest of good government and transparency.’” (*Rachael Bade, “Emails Show Huma Abedin’s Ties To Private Consulting Firm,” Politico, 9/23/15*)

Abedin’s Arrangement With The State Department “Freed Her From The Requirement That She Disclose Her Private Earnings”

Abedin’s Arrangement Was Secured In June 2012 As She Returned From Maternity Leave And Left Her Position As Deputy Chief Of Staff, A Change That “Freed Her From The Requirement That She Disclose Her Private Earnings For The Rest Of The Year On Her Financial Disclosure Forms.” “Ms. Abedin reached her new working arrangement in June 2012, when she returned from maternity leave, quietly leaving her position as deputy chief of staff and becoming a special government employee, which is essentially a consultant. A State Department official said that change freed her from the requirement that she disclose her private earnings for the rest of the year on her financial disclosure forms. Still, during that period, she continued to be identified publicly in news reports as Mrs. Clinton’s deputy chief of staff.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” The New York Times, 5/16/13*)

“It Is Not Clear How Much Ms. Abedin Was Paid By Mrs. Clinton Privately, Or From The Clinton Foundation And Teneo.” “It is not clear how much Ms. Abedin was paid by Mrs. Clinton privately, or from the Clinton Foundation and Teneo. The Clintons have described Ms. Abedin as a surrogate daughter to them.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” The New York Times, 5/16/13*)

“Ms. Abedin did not disclose the arrangement — or how much income she earned — on her financial report.” – *Raymond Hernandez, New York Times*

“Abedin Did Not Disclose The Arrangement — Or How Much Income She Earned — On Her Financial Report.” “Ms. Abedin did not disclose the arrangement — or how much income she earned — on her financial report. It requires officials to make public any significant sources of income. An adviser to Mrs. Clinton, Philippe Reines, said that Ms. Abedin was not obligated to do so.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” The New York Times, 5/16/13*)

Abedin Reportedly Collected \$355,000 As A Consultant To Teneo While Also Receiving \$135,000 In Government Pay. “She reportedly raked in \$355,000 as a consultant to Teneo, while simultaneously pocketing \$135,000 in government pay. The arrangement raised eyebrows because Abedin failed to disclose the exact nature of her work for Teneo, which represents a long list of foreign clients and has offices in Brussels, Dubai, Dublin, Hong Kong, London, Munich and Zurich.” (*S.A. Miller, “State Dept. Sued Over Huma Abedin Pay Deal,” New York Post, 9/25/13*)

“Interviews And Records Suggests A Situation Where The Lines Were Blurred Between Ms. Abedin’s Work In The High Echelons Of One Of The Government’s Most Sensitive Executive Departments And Her Role As A Clinton Family Insider.”

“Ms. Abedin declined a request for an interview, but the picture that emerges from interviews and records suggests a situation where the lines were blurred between Ms. Abedin’s work in the high echelons of one of the government’s most sensitive executive departments and her role as a Clinton family insider.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” The New York Times, 5/16/13*)

Abedin’s Work As A “Special Government Employee” Only Came To Light Because A Friend Provided The Details. “And even if it were, Abedin currently works solely for Hillary Clinton as the head of her post-State Department transition team, a move that began on March 1, according to a friend of hers. That means Abedin never would have had to make the information public had her friend not provided the details.” (*Maggie Haberman, John Breshnahan and Glenn Thrush, “Huma Abedin Allowed To Represent Clients While At State,” Politico, 5/16/13*)

According To Politico, Abedin Began Working Exclusively For Hillary Clinton’s Post-State Department Transition On March 1, 2013. “And even if it were, Abedin currently works solely for Hillary Clinton as the head of her post-State Department transition team, a move that began on March 1, according to a friend of hers. That means Abedin never would have had to make the information public had her friend not provided the details.” (*Maggie Haberman, John Breshnahan and Glenn Thrush, “Huma Abedin Allowed To Represent Clients While At State,” Politico, 5/16/13*)

The State Department And Clinton Insiders Would Not Further Clarify Or Explain The Arrangement

“Officials In The State Department And Clinton Circles Seem Especially Sensitive About The Arrangement, And No One Would Speak About It On The Record.” “Officials in the State Department and Clinton circles seem especially sensitive about the arrangement, and no one would speak about it on the record. Earlier this month, Mr. Weiner released a copy of the couple’s 2012 tax return showing that they had income of more than \$490,000.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Weiner’s Wife Didn’t Disclose Consulting Work She Did While Serving In State Dept.,” The New York Times, 5/16/13*)

In August 2013, The New York Times Reported That The State Department Had “Declined To Provide Some Basic Information About Ms. Abedin’s Situation.” “But three months later, questions about the arrangement persist, and the department has declined to provide some basic information about Ms. Abedin’s situation and those of other State Department employees who may have been given similar status.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Questions On The Dual Role Of A Clinton Aide Persist,” The New York Times, 8/18/13*)

The State Department Also “Declined To Say What Role Mrs. Clinton Played In Approving The Arrangement.” “The arrangement set off concern among some government watchdog groups and a senior Republican in Congress, who questioned whether a person in a sensitive State Department position should be working for clients in the private sector at the same time. The State Department has declined to say what role Mrs. Clinton played in approving the arrangement.” (*Raymond Hernandez, “Questions On The Dual Role Of A Clinton Aide Persist,” The New York Times, 8/18/13*)

Clinton Aides “Were Keenly Sensitive” About Inquiries Into Abedin’s Special Arrangement “And Rushed To Defend” Her. “For now, however, the Clintons and their allies are still closing ranks. When Ms. Abedin faced scrutiny this month about an arrangement that allowed her to earn money as a private consultant while still working as a top adviser at the State Department, Clinton aides were keenly sensitive about the matter and rushed to defend Ms. Abedin.” (*Michael M. Grynbaum, Michael Barbaro and Amy Chozick, “A Wife With Powerful Ties Is An Unexpected Architect Of A New York Comeback,” The New York Times, 5/23/13*)

ProPublica Filed A FOIA Request For A List Of Others Who Received The Status Given To Abedin, But The State Department Would Not Provide The Names

In July 2013, ProPublica Filed A Freedom Of Information Act Request For A List Of Who Else At The State Department Received The Same SGE Status. (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, "Who Are State Dept's 100 'Special Government Employees'? It Won't Say," ProPublica, 11/13/13)

The State Department Revealed There Were About 100 Other People Who Received A Special Government Employee Classification, But Refused To Say Who They Were. "So who else is a special government employee at the State Department? The department won't say -- even as eight other federal agencies readily sent us lists of their own special government employees. A State Department spokeswoman did confirm that there are 'about 100' such employees. But asked for a list, she added that, 'As general policy, [the department] does not disclose employee information of this nature.'" (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, "Who Are State Dept's 100 'Special Government Employees'? It Won't Say," ProPublica, 11/13/13)

The State Department Stated That The Human Resources Department Does Not Compile Lists On The Category Of Special Government Employees. "Meanwhile, after we filed a Freedom of Information Act request in July for the same information, State responded in September that no such list actually exists: The human resources department 'does not compile lists of personnel or positions in the category of 'special government employee.'" (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, "Who Are State Dept's 100 'Special Government Employees'? It Won't Say," ProPublica, 11/13/13)

Under Pressure From The Media, The State Department Released The Names Of The 100 Special Government Employees

ProPublica Told The State Department It Would Publish A Story About The Department's Refusal To Respond To The FOIA, Which Resulted In The Department Saying It Would Reopen The Case. "In late September, after we told State we were going to publish a story on its refusal to provide the list, the agency said our FOIA request was being reopened. The agency said it would provide the records in a few weeks." (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, "Who Are State Dept's 100 'Special Government Employees'? It Won't Say," ProPublica, 11/13/13)

ProPublica Reported That The State Department Pushed Back The Release Of The Records Three Times. "The State Department has since pushed back the delivery date three times and still hasn't provided any list. It has been four months since we filed the original request." (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, "Who Are State Dept's 100 'Special Government Employees'? It Won't Say," ProPublica, 11/13/13)

After A Six Month Delay, The State Department Released To ProPublica The Names Of The Employees Who Received Special Government Status. "Soon after, we asked the State Department for a list of any other such employees. Now, after a six-month delay, the department has given us the names. The list suggests that the status is mostly used for its intended purpose: to allow outside experts to consult or work for the government on a temporary basis." (Justin Elliott and Liz Day, "State Department Finally Releases List Of 'Special Government Employees,'" ProPublica, 1/30/13)

In June 2015, A Federal Judge Reopened Judicial Watch's FOIA Lawsuit Seeking Details About Abedin's Special Status

In June 2015, A Federal Judge Reopened A Judicial Watch FOIA Lawsuit Seeking Details About Huma Abedin's "Employment Arrangements" Because Emails From Personal Accounts "May Not Have Been Covered By State Department Searches." "Reacting to the disclosure that Hillary Clinton exclusively used a private email account during her tenure as secretary of state, a federal judge agreed Friday to reopen a conservative group's Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking details about the employment arrangements of top Clinton aide Huma Abedin. However, U.S. District Court Judge Emmet

Sullivan declined — for now — to address claims from Judicial Watch that Clinton's use of the private account and server led State Department officials to commit a fraud on the court by certifying they had turned over all responsive records. 'In view of revelations that then-Secretary of State Clinton and members of her staff used personal email accounts to conduct State Department business, and that emails from those accounts may not have been covered by State Department searches for documents responsive to the FOIA request at issue in this case, the plaintiff seeks to reopen this case for further proceedings,' [U.S. District Court Judge Emmet] Sullivan noted in an order Friday. "The newly discovered information is a changed circumstance regarding the prior judgment in this case — i.e. the stipulated dismissal in 2014." (Josh Gerstein, "Judge Reopens FOIA Case On Hillary Clinton Aide Abedin," Politico, 6/19/15)

"The FOIA Lawsuit Seeks Information About Abedin's Continued Employment At State As A 'Special Government Employee' After She Stepped Down From Her Role As Deputy Chief Of Staff To Clinton In 2012." (Josh Gerstein, "Judge Reopens FOIA Case On Hillary Clinton Aide Abedin," Politico, 6/19/15)

It Was Also Reported That "The State Department Inspector General Is Conducting A Review Of State's 'Special Government Employee' Program, According To A Letter The IG Sent To Senate Judiciary Committee In April." (Josh Gerstein, "Judge Reopens FOIA Case On Hillary Clinton Aide Abedin," Politico, 6/19/15)

Despite Clinton Saying She "Was Not Directly Involved" In The Approval Of Abedin's SGE Status, Documents Listed Clinton's Name In The "Supervisory Certification" Section Of The Authorization Form

VIDEO: In Her September 4, 2015 Interview With Andrea Mitchell, Clinton Said She "Was Not Directly Involved" In Huma Abedin Obtaining Special Government Employee Status. MSNBC's ANDREA MITCHELL: "Do you think he had a point in raising the question of whether it was appropriate for her to be taking a State Department salary and also be paid by an outside company, closely associated with your husband, by you?" CLINTON: "Well, you know, I was not directly involved in that, but everything that she did was approved under the rules as they existed by the State Department. And so I, again, he can — you know, he's great at innuendo and conspiracy theories and really defaming people. That's not what I want to do in my campaign. And that's not how I'm going to conduct myself. And I also believe the President of the United States does have to be careful about what he or she says. You know, I do know sometimes people say, well, I'm careful about what I say. That's because for more than 20 years I've seen the importance of the President of the United States, the leader not only of our nation but of the world, having to send messages that will be received by all kinds of people. Loose talk, threats, insults, they have consequences. So I'm going to conduct myself as I believe is appropriate for someone seeking the highest office in our country." (MSNBC, 9/4/15)

Documents Obtained By Judicial Watch Through A FOIA Request Listed Clinton's Name As The Immediate Supervisor Who Approved Abedin's Special Government Employee Status In March 2012. "Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary Of State, Reads The Name Under The 'Supervisory Certification' Box On The Approval Sheet." (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Approved Special Status For Aide Huma Abedin," Politico, 9/24/15)

The Clinton Camp, However, Asserted That It Was Clinton Chief Of Staff Cheryl Mills — And Not Clinton Herself — Who Signed Off On Abedin's SGE Status. "Hillary Clinton's chief of staff — and not Clinton herself — signed a State Department form that helped another Clinton aide change to a job status that allowed broader private-sector employment, a Clinton campaign official said late Saturday. The Clinton camp's assertion that Clinton Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills signed paperwork key to Clinton aide Huma Abedin's 2012 change from a full-time role to a 'special government employee' could clarify why the Democratic presidential candidate and former secretary of state told an interviewer earlier this month that she was 'not directly involved' in converting Abedin's role to a senior adviser and expert." (Josh Gerstein, "Clinton Camp Did Not Sign Form On Abedin Job," Politico, 9/27/15)

The Documents Obtained By Judicial Watch Show That Clinton Was Listed As The Official Certifying Abedin's New Title And Pay Grade, Though The Signature Was Redacted. "Suspicion that Clinton might have been directly involved in Abedin's job shift grew on Thursday when conservative group Judicial Watch released documents it obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit. They listed Clinton as the official certifying Abedin's new title and proposed her continuing at the top GS-15 pay grade. That led Judicial Watch to accuse Clinton of lying and to reports in POLITICO and elsewhere that the documents appeared to contradict Clinton's story. However, the signature on the box under Clinton's name was mostly redacted by State FOIA officials." (Josh Gerstein, "Clinton Camp Did Not Sign Form On Abedin Job," *Politico*, 9/27/15)

An Anonymous Clinton Campaign Official Initially "Declined To Comment On How Clinton Aides Know It Was Mills Who Signed The Form Or Whether They Have Access To An Unredacted Copy." "Now, a Clinton campaign official—speaking on condition of anonymity—is asserting that March 23, 2012 signature is that of Mills, not Clinton. The official declined to comment on how Clinton aides know it was Mills who signed the form or whether they have access to an unredacted copy of the document." (Josh Gerstein, "Clinton Camp Did Not Sign Form On Abedin Job," *Politico*, 9/27/15)

The Clinton Campaign Subsequently Provided A Copy Of The Document Signed By Mills To The New York Times. "A document certifying a new employment position for one of Hillary Rodham Clinton's senior aides at the State Department was signed by Mrs. Clinton's then chief of staff, Cheryl D. Mills, according to a copy of the document provided to The New York Times on Sunday. Last week, The Times and other news outlets reported that the document was signed by Mrs. Clinton personally, based on a copy that was obtained by a conservative watchdog group. On the document, Mrs. Clinton's name was printed above the signature in a box intended for the aide's supervisor, but the signature itself was redacted by the State Department, according to the group, Judicial Watch. The document was part of a process undertaken in 2012 by which Mrs. Clinton's then deputy chief of staff, Huma Abedin, began working simultaneously for the State Department, the Clinton family's foundation, and the consulting firm Teneo." (Nicholas Confessore, "Hillary Clinton's Chief Of Staff Authorized Job Change For Huma Abedin," *The New York Times*, 9/27/15)

A Clinton Aide Said It Was Within Mills' Duties To Sign Such Documents On Behalf Of Clinton. "A Clinton aide on Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the signature was that of Ms. Mills, and said that it was within Ms. Mills' duties to sign such documents on behalf of Mrs. Clinton." (Nicholas Confessore, "Hillary Clinton's Chief Of Staff Authorized Job Change For Huma Abedin," *The New York Times*, 9/27/15)

Abedin Delayed Providing Personal Financial Information Even After Her SGE Status Was Approved

According To Recently Released Emails, After Abedin's SGE Status Was Approved, Abedin Delayed Providing Personal Financial Information Repeatedly Sought By State Department Ethics Officials To Determine If She Had Any Potential Conflicts Of Interest. "After Hillary Rodham Clinton designated long-time aide Huma Abedin for a job as a special adviser working for her at the State Department in 2012, Abedin delayed providing personal financial information repeatedly sought by the department's ethics officials to determine if she had any potential conflicts of interest, newly-released emails show. As secretary of state, Clinton approved Abedin's official job description in March 2012 as a 'special government employee' working under contract for her, according to documents obtained by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch in a lawsuit against the State Department." (Stephen Braun, "Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dept," *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

"... Emails Show Abedin's Approval For The Special Adviser Job Was Pushed Through Even As State Department Ethics, Personnel And Legal Officials Warned That She Had Failed To Provide Financial Data Necessary To Rule Out Any Potential Conflicts." (Stephen Braun, "Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dept," *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

“State Department Officials Were Seeking Information About Abedin’s Finances Including Assets Owned By Her Husband, Former Rep. Anthony Weiner.” (Stephen Braun, “Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dep’t,” *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

Despite Abedin Failing To Provide The Necessary Information On A Government Ethics Form On The Day Of Her Hiring, A State Department Lawyer Appeared To Approve The Form Anyway, Saying “They Want You Cleared Today If Possible.” “Even on the day of her hiring, a State Department legal official told Abedin that she had still not provided necessary information on a government ethics form requiring her to disclose any outside agreements or transactions. Despite relaying those concerns, the lawyer appeared to approve Abedin’s ethics form. ‘They want you cleared today if possible,’ the official told Abedin in an email.” (Stephen Braun, “Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dep’t,” *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

State Department Officials Initially Told Abedin In March 2012 That She Was Scheduled To Start Her Work As An SGE In April, But Plans Were Delayed Partly Because Abedin Held Off Providing Ethics Officials With Information About Weiner’s Financial Assets. “The documents show that State Department officials initially told Abedin in March 2012 she was scheduled to start her work as a special government employee in April. But the plans were delayed, partly because Abedin held off on providing ethics officials with information about financial assets held by her husband. ‘Anthony filed his separate disclosure last June. Nothing has changed. I don’t need to include his stuff on mine right?’ Abedin emailed an ethics official in April 2012. The official replied: ‘I have confirmed with the Legal Office that his assets are imputed to you so his assets are reportable.’ A State Department official said it was not unusual for State job applicants to be in touch with the department’s financial disclosure officials over their filings.” (Stephen Braun, “Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dep’t,” *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

The Head Of The State Department’s Financial Disclosure Division Warned Abedin In Early June 2012 That The Documents Still Did Not Have The Necessary Information, And That While Her Position Was Approved, The Information Was “Necessary To Close Out.” “Abedin had still not provided the information about Weiner’s finances even five days after her hiring, according to the emails. Sarah E. Taylor, the chief of the department’s Financial Disclosure Division, warned Abedin in early June that ‘the documents I have do not have all the information needed.’ Taylor said ‘we cleared you for the other position already, this information is necessary to close out’ her previous job under Clinton.” (Stephen Braun, “Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dep’t,” *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

Abedin Replied Saying She And Weiner Were Confused About The Process. “‘I am happy to ask him,’ Abedin replied. ‘We are just both confused about what we need to be doing.’” (Stephen Braun, “Clinton Aide Delayed Financial Data Sought By State Dep’t,” *The Associated Press*, 9/25/15)

INVESTIGATIONS INTO ABEDIN’S SGE STATUS

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Charles Grassley Has Been Looking Into Abedin’s Special Government Employee Status Since 2013

Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA), Chairman Of The Senate Judiciary Committee, Has Been Looking Into Whether Abedin “Violated Conflict-Of-Interest Laws” Working For The State Department, Teneo, And The Clinton Foundation Under Her Special Government Employee Status. “The letters also sought the status of an inquiry into whether Abedin had violated conflict-of-interest laws related to her special employment situation, which allowed her to work simultaneously for the State Department, the Clinton Foundation and a private firm with close ties to the Clintons.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Payments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Inquiries Into Abedin's "Special Employment Situation" Have Been Ongoing Since 2013. "Since 2013, Grassley has been inquiring about Abedin's 'special government employee' status, which during her final six months at the State Department allowed her to take outside employment with the Clinton Foundation and Teneo, a firm led by longtime Bill Clinton aide Douglas Band." (*Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Carol Leonnig, "Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Payments At State Department," The Washington Post, 7/31/15*)

Grassley Said Abedin's Area Of Expertise Did Not Qualify Her For The Status Of A Special Government Employee.

"Late last week, Mr. Grassley said in a letter to the State Department that Ms. Abedin's area of expertise — 'advising and participating in planning for the secretary's schedule and travel' — did not appear to qualify her for the status of special government employee. Mr. Grassley also reiterated his original questions." (*Raymond Hernandez, "Questions On The Dual Role Of A Clinton Aide Persist," The New York Times, 8/18/13*)

Much Like ProPublica, Grassley Said He Faced Obstacles Trying To Gather Information About The Arrangement.

"Aides to Senator Charles E. Grassley, a Republican of Iowa who has led an inquiry into the matter, say they have faced obstacles in efforts to gather certain information about Ms. Abedin's arrangement and about the rules the State Department applies in approving such arrangements. The questions Mr. Grassley and his staff are still seeking answers to include: who in the department specifically authorized the arrangement for Ms. Abedin; who in the department was aware of her outside consulting activities; copies of contracts Ms. Abedin signed with private clients; and the amount she earned from those contracts." (*Raymond Hernandez, "Questions On The Dual Role Of A Clinton Aide Persist," The New York Times, 8/18/13*)

Grassley Pointed To The Potential Conflicts Of Interest, Saying Abedin Was Allegedly In Contact With Teneo-Founder Doug Band About Securing An Appointment For A Teneo Client And Clinton Foundation Donor.

"In one instance, Grassley wrote, Band allegedly e-mailed Abedin to request her help in landing a White House appointment for a friend who led a charity that later hired his firm and donated to the Clinton Foundation." (*Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Carol Leonnig, "Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Payments At State Department," The Washington Post, 7/31/15*)

The Senate Judiciary Committee Was Told By A Source That Abedin And Band Were On More Than 7,000 Emails Together While She Worked At The State Department, Which Abedin's Lawyers Believe Are Likely Just Clinton Schedules Or Other Automatic Notes, Not Direct Communications.

"The source was able to specify that Abedin and Band were on more than 7,000 emails together while she worked at State and detailed an apparent October 2013 letter to the FBI that clarified that the watchdog's probe was looking at potential criminal misconduct. Abedin's lawyers believe many of the 7,000 emails are likely just Clinton schedules or other types of automatic notices that have both of their emails on a distribution list together, not direct communications." (*Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15*)

In August 2015, Grassley Sent A Letter To The FBI Asking The Agency To Confirm Whether Or Not There Was A Criminal Investigation Into Abedin's SGE Status

In August 2015, Grassley Asked The FBI To Confirm A Tip The Senate Judiciary Committee Received That The State Department IG Opened An Investigation Into Abedin For Criminal Misconduct Having To Do With Her Special Arrangement. "Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley is asking the FBI to confirm a tip the panel received that the State Department inspector general has probed Hillary Clinton confidante Huma Abedin for criminal misconduct. On Wednesday, the Iowa Republican sent a letter to FBI director James Comey, obtained by POLITICO, asking him to confirm any investigation of Abedin, who's currently helping run Clinton's 2016 campaign. "The Judiciary Committee has learned that the Office of Inspector General for the Department of State (State OIG) opened an investigation involving potential criminal conduct by Ms. Huma Abedin while she worked for the Department of State under then-Secretary Clinton,' the letter says. ... While working for Clinton as one of her closest staffers, Abedin was given a "special government employee" status that allowed her both to serve Clinton and to work for the philanthropic Clinton Foundation and an outside firm called Teneo. The matter became a big to-do when it was originally reported a couple years ago, particularly because she was Clinton's deputy chief of staff." (*Rachael Bade, "Sen. Chuck Grassley Asks FBI For Clarification On Huma Abedin Probe," Politico, 8/5/15*)

According To Grassley's Letter, "The Alleged IG Probe Examines Or Examined The 'Work Arrangements, Leave Status, And Conversion From A Full-Time Department Of State Employee To A Special Government Employee (SGE) And Senior Advisor To Former Secretary Clinton.'" (Rachael Bade, "Sen. Chuck Grassley Asks Fbi For Clarification On Huma Abedin Probe," Politico, 8/5/15)

Grassley Has Been Asking For More Details About Abedin's Employment Status, But Has Received Little In The Way Of Answers From The State Department. "For two years now, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, a bullish Iowa Republican who's very active in a number of mundane executive branch oversight issues, has been asking for more details about her employment situation but has received little in the way of answers. He's recently escalated his demands for more information after a source told the panel that the State Department inspector general had probed Abedin not only for overpayment issues but also over a potential conflict of interest." (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15)

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Grassley Said That Even Though "The Committee Recently Acquired Information That Shows The State Department Has Been In Possession Of Material That Would Answer Some Of The Committee's Inquiries," That Material "Is Still Not Forthcoming." "Grassley will block the nominee 'because the State Department has engaged in unreasonable delay in responding to Judiciary Committee investigations and inquiries,' he said in the statement, noting that his Abedin probe goes back to June 2013. 'To this day, the Committee has not received a complete response. Moreover, the Committee recently acquired information that shows the State Department has been in possession of material that would answer some of the Committee's inquiries. Yet, the requested material is still not forthcoming.'" (Rachael Bade, "Sen. Chuck Grassley Takes Aim At Hillary Clinton With New Probe," Politico, 8/5/15)

Grassley Also Asked Abedin's Lawyers About The Matter. "He has also asked Abedin's lawyers about the matter but has not heard back. 'Much of the information sought by Senator Grassley's letter will need to be produced by the State Department and we have been in touch with State,' Dunn said in an email." (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15)

Abedin's Legal Team Says They Are Unaware Of Any Such Investigation, And Are Only Aware That The IG Report Focused On Abedin's Maternity Leave And Vacation. "And Abedin's legal team — which is separate from Clinton's — says it knows of no investigative reports that suggest such misconduct. 'We are aware only of an IG report focused on her maternity leave and vacation and we responded with a letter disputing the report's conclusions, which we gave to members of the media who requested it,' her lawyers said in a statement. 'Obviously, if the report covered other things, our letter would have as well. The IG will have to respond as to his investigations.'" (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15)

Abedin Attorney Karen Dunn: "There Is No Criminal Investigation And Never Has Been. ... Any Implication Otherwise Is Patently False And Irresponsible." (Alana Goodman, "Report: Clinton Aide's Dual Roles May Have Broken Conflict Of Interest Laws," Washington Free Beacon, 8/3/15)

HILLARY CLINTON'S PRIVATE EMAIL SERVER

Abedin "Is Increasingly Becoming A Central Figure In The Email Scandal That's Haunting Her Boss On The Campaign Trail, As Republicans And Federal Judges Seek Information About Clinton's Communications While She Was Running The State Department." (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15)

Abedin Has Hired A Team Of Lawyers, Including A Former Clinton Aide, To Handle Requests From The Courts And The State Department, And They Have Denied Any Wrongdoing On Abedin's Part. "Abedin has hired a team of lawyers, one of whom is a former Clinton aide, who are responding to information requests from the courts and State. They've denied any wrongdoing on the part of their client and said Abedin is cooperating with requests for official emails in her possession, aiming to turn over all her correspondence by the end of August." (*Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," Politico, 8/13/15*)

Abedin Was One Of Only A Handful Of People To Have A Clintonemail.com Address

The Clintonemail.com Server Was Created Before Clinton Became Secretary Of State So She Could Communicate With People Both In And Out Of The Government. "Just before Hillary Rodham Clinton was sworn in as secretary of state in January 2009, she and her closest aides decided that she should have her own private email address as Mrs. Clinton moved away from the Blackberry address that she had used during her 2008 presidential campaign. Private email would allow Mrs. Clinton to communicate with people in and out of government, separate from the system maintained at the State Department." (*Amy Chozick and Steve Eder, "Membership In Clinton's Email Domain Is Remembered As A Mark Of Status," The New York Times, 3/4/15*)

"Obtaining An Account From That Domain Became A Symbol Of Status Within The Family's Inner Circle, Conferring Prestige And Closeness To The Secretary." (*Amy Chozick and Steve Eder, "Membership In Clinton's Email Domain Is Remembered As A Mark Of Status," The New York Times, 3/4/15*)

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The Wall Street Journal: Clinton's Admission That Huma Abedin Had An Account On Her Private Server "Demolishes" Her Previous Claim That The Server Was Intended Only For Personal Convenience. "But her declaration to the court did disclose that Mrs. Abedin had an 'account' on Mrs. Clinton's server 'which was used at times for government business.' The admission that her aides were also using her server demolishes Mrs. Clinton's previous claim that she used this server for personal 'convenience.' She was really running a parallel mini-State email operation." (*Editorial, "All The Secretary's Women," The Wall Street Journal, 8/13/15*)

At The Request Of The State Department, Clinton Turned Over Around 50,000 Pages Of Emails That She Deemed To Be Work Related. "At the request of the State Department, Mrs. Clinton turned over about 50,000 pages of emails from clintonemail.com related to the government issues late last year." (*Amy Chozick and Steve Eder, "Membership In Clinton's Email Domain Is Remembered As A Mark Of Status," The New York Times, 3/4/15*)

Clinton's Former Chief Of Staff Cheryl Mills And Former Director Of Policy Planning Jake Sullivan Also Turned Over Documents To The State Department. "Former Clinton Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills and former Director of Policy Planning Jake Sullivan produced 'a number' of records through their attorneys on June 26, State Department records official John Hackett said in a declaration submitted in connection with a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch." (*Josh Gerstein, "Sullivan, Mills Turn Over Emails To State Department," Politico, 7/8/15*)

In July 2015, Abedin Was Asked By The State Department To Turn Over Any Records She Had In Her Possession.

“Hackett’s declaration also indicates that former Clinton Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin is in the process of responding to State’s request for records in her control, but he does not say explicitly what records if any she has turned over so far.”

(Josh Gerstein, “Sullivan, Mills Turn Over Emails To State Department,” *Politico*, 7/8/15)

In August 2015, Abedin’s Lawyers Confirmed That Abedin Has Produced Some Records To The State Department And Was Expected To Turn Over All Work-Related Records By September 1, 2015. “Mills’ attorney, Beth Wilkinson, said in her letter that Mills turned over some work-related records to State on June 25 and plans to provide the remainder on Monday. ‘Ms. Mills did not have an account on Secretary Clinton’s email server,’ Wilkinson added. Abedin’s lawyers, Karen Dunn and Miguel Rodriguez, said their client produced some records to State on July 9, they are planning another production Saturday and expect to complete turning over all work-related records by August 28. Abedin’s attorney’s also noted that the State Department sent its first request for her records to ‘an incorrect address’ and also sent follow-up emails to dated email addresses. ‘Ms. Abedin’s initial ability to respond was impeded by the Department’s failure to ensure that the request timely reached Ms. Abedin,’ Dunn and Rodriguez wrote. Their letter did not address Sullivan’s question about use of ‘Mrs. Clinton’s email server to conduct official government business.’” (Josh Gerstein, “Hillary Clinton Certifies Email Handover, But Aides Demur,” *Politico*, 8/8/15)

Abedin’s Lawyers Did Not, However, Respond To Questions About Emails On Clinton’s Private Server. “But her lawyers — Karen Dunn and Miguel Rodriguez — didn’t respond to questions about emails on Clinton’s separate server. Dunn is a partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner, and she served as a senior advisor to Clinton when she was in the Senate.” (Rachael Bade, “Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma,” *Politico*, 8/13/15)

Steven Aftergood, Director Of The Federation Of American Scientists’ Project On Government Secrecy, Said Any Former Employee’s Access To Secret Material Could Be Problematic After They Leave The Government. “But Steven Aftergood, who directs the Federation of American Scientists’ project on government secrecy, said any former employee’s potential access to secret materials could be problematic after they leave the government. ‘What happens if [a former government employee] still retains access through a prior server, to information that was justified by a previous position? That’s not supposed to happen — and that’s one of the anomalies that are created by the private server,’ Aftergood said.” (Rachael Bade, “Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma,” *Politico*, 8/13/15)

While Clinton Has Certified Under Penalty Of Perjury That She Has Turned Over All Her Work-Related Emails, Abedin Has Not

On August 1, 2015, U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan Ordered The State Department To Ask Clinton “Certify Under Penalty Of Perjury” That She Has Turned Over The Work-Related Emails On Her Private Server. “A federal judge has ordered the State Department to ask Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton to certify under penalty of perjury that she has turned over some of the work-related emails she kept on a private server during the four years she served as secretary of state. U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan issued the order Friday in connection with a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit the conservative group Judicial Watch filed in 2013 seeking records about the employment status of Clinton aide Huma Abedin, who worked as Clinton’s deputy chief of staff but later transferred to a part-time job as a so-called ‘special government employee.’ The State Department told Judicial Watch last year that all records about the arrangement have been disclosed, but after Clinton’s use of a private email account for official business was revealed earlier this year, Judicial Watch moved to reopen the lawsuit. Abedin was also revealed to have used an account on the same server.” (Josh Gerstein, “Judge Wants Clinton Certification On Emails,” *Politico*, 8/1/15)

While Clinton Has Declared Under Penalty Of Perjury That She Handed Over All Her Work-Related Emails, Abedin Declined A Judge’s Request To Do The Same. “Clinton on Monday declared under penalty of perjury that she handed over all her work emails to the State Department for record-keeping purposes; Abedin declined a judge’s request to do the same.” (Rachael Bade, “Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma,” *Politico*, 8/13/15)

“Clinton on Monday declared under penalty of perjury that she handed over all her work emails ... Abedin declined a judge’s request to do the same.” – Rachael Bade, *Politico*

Sullivan Also Requested That The State Department Seek Certifications From Clinton, Abedin, And Mills That “They’ve Produced All Records Related To Abedin’s Employment Even If They Kept Those Records Outside Official State Department Systems.” “At such a hearing on Friday, Sullivan – a Bill Clinton appointee – told State to seek certifications from Hillary Clinton, Abedin and former Deputy Secretary of State Cheryl Mills that they’ve produced all records related to Abedin’s employment, even if they kept those records outside official State Department systems. ‘As related to Judicial Watch’s FOIA requests in this case, the Government is HEREBY ORDERED to: (1) identify any and all servers, accounts, hard drives, or other devices currently in the possession or control of the State Department or otherwise that may contain responsive information; (2) request that the above named individuals confirm, under penalty of perjury, that they have produced all responsive information that was or is in their possession as a result of their employment at the State Department,’ Sullivan wrote in an order issued Friday afternoon. ‘If all such information has not yet been produced, the Government shall request the above named individuals produce the information forthwith; and (3) request that the above named individuals describe, under penalty of perjury, the extent to which Ms. Abedin and Ms. Mills used Mrs. Clinton’s email server to conduct official government business.’” (Josh Gerstein, “Judge Wants Clinton Certification On Emails,” *Politico*, 8/1/15)

“Sullivan Also Added That If All The Documents And Information Surrounding Abedin, Who Later Became A Part-Time Government Employee, And Her Work Arrangement Had Not Been Disclosed, The Government Shall Request The Above-Named Individuals Produce The Information Forthwith.” (Reena Flores, “Judge Wants Clinton Confirmation On State Department Emails,” *CBS News*, 8/1/15)

Grassley Has Suggested That The Investigation Into Abedin’s SGE Status May Be Hindered Because Of Abedin’s Use Of Clinton’s Private Server

Grassley Suggested That The Investigation Might Be Hindered Because Of Abedin’s Use Of Hillary Clinton’s Private Server. “Grassley also raised the possibility that efforts to investigate Abedin’s actions were thwarted because many of her exchanges were sent through Clinton’s private e-mail server.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Payments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Abedin Would Allegedly Forward Emails Doug Band Sent To Her State Department Email To Her Clinton Server Email. “After getting the note from Mr. Band, Ms. Abedin allegedly forwarded it from her official government account to her own private email address located on Mrs. Clinton’s private email server, Mr. Grassley’s letter said.” (Peter Nicholas, “Grassley Queries Dealings Between Clinton Aide, Supporter’s Company,” *The Wall Street Journal*, 7/31/15)

According To Grassley, Emails Relevant Were Unavailable To OIG Because They Went Through Clinton’s Server. “The committee ‘has learned that the OIG had reason to believe that e-mail evidence relevant to that inquiry was contained in e-mails Ms. Abedin sent and received from her account on Secretary Clinton’s non-government server, making them unavailable to the OIG through its normal statutory right of access to records,’ Grassley wrote.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Payments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Abedin’s Lawyers Claim The OIG Inquiry Only Resulted In The Pay Dispute And Found Nothing Related To Any Conflicts Of Interest Issues Or Her Use Of The Private Server. “Abedin’s attorneys said the inquiry resulted in a finding only about the pay issue and not about any possible conflicts of interest posed by her work arrangement or issues related to the use of Clinton’s private e-mail server.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman, and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Payments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Abedin's Lawyers Say She Did Not Receive A Request For Documents For Two Months Because The State Department's Delivered The Request To The Wrong Address And E-Mail. "The State Department's request that Hillary Clinton's former deputy chief of staff, Huma Abedin, return any work-related emails in her possession went unreceived for two months because of issues with delivery of State's mail and email messages asking for the records, according to Abedin's lawyers." (Josh Gerstein, "State Department Request For Huma Abedin's Records Waylaid For 2 Months," *Politico*, 8/6/15)

Clinton's Spokesman, Nick Merrill, "Waved Off Questions About How" The Private Email Server And Abedin's SGE Status "May Or May Not Have Overlapped" And Accused The Right Of Playing Politics With This Line Of Inquiry. "On Wednesday, Clinton campaign spokesman Nick Merrill waved off questions about how the two issues — the email server and Abedin's unusual work arrangement — may or may not have overlapped, accusing the right of playing politics with this line of inquiry. 'It's election season, and congressional Republicans are running the same series of plays, just on a different field,' Merrill said in an email, later adding that Abedin maintained her security clearance while she worked as a State contractor. Merrill said SGEs often have clearance and there's nothing unusual about her having such access. He also said that many government workers take on such contractor status, adding that Abedin had a green-light from State's legal and human resources departments to do so." (Rachael Bade, "Hillary Clinton Email Probe Turns To Huma," *Politico*, 8/13/15)

Abedin Sent And Received Emails With Highly Sensitive Material

Abedin Reportedly Sent And Received Emails With Highly Sensitive Material, Including Forwarding "A Summary Of A High-Level Sept. 2009 Meeting To Clinton In Which She Detailed The 'Embassy Security Issues' That Were Discussed." "Hillary Clinton's classified emails contain discussions of conversations with foreign diplomats, issues with embassy security and relations with countries from Russia to China. The broad range of information that was deemed classified by the State Department — just within the emails published by the agency to date — underscores concerns that sensitive material was routinely mishandled on Clinton's private email server. For example, Huma Abedin, Clinton's former deputy chief of staff, forwarded a summary of a high-level Sept. 2009 meeting to Clinton in which she detailed the 'embassy security issues' that were discussed. The issues had been raised by Eric Boswell, a diplomatic security official who was later forced to resign in the wake of the 2012 terror attack in Benghazi." (Sarah Westwood, "Here's What Clinton's Classified Emails Discussed," *Washington Examiner*, 8/25/15)

In November 2009, Clinton's British Counterpart Sent A Classified Note To Abedin, Who Then Passed The Note On To Clinton, Saying It Contained Information He "Doesn't Want To Send Through The System." "In November 2009, an aide to David Miliband, Clinton's British counterpart, sent from his 'home account' a classified note from Miliband to Abedin in the hopes of it reaching Clinton's eyes only. Abedin later passed the note to Clinton and indicated it was information Miliband 'doesn't want to send through the system.'" (Sarah Westwood, "Here's What Clinton's Classified Emails Discussed," *Washington Examiner*, 8/25/15)

Emails Obtained By A Judicial Watch FOIA Show Abedin Discussing Sensitive Travel Plans For Clinton And Her Aides On Her Personal Email Account. "A top aide to Hillary Clinton discussed sensitive travel plans on her personal email account, according to new records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Huma Abedin, Clinton's former deputy chief of staff and present campaign staffer, made plans for Clinton and her aides from the account she had set up on Clinton's private email server, documents obtained by conservative nonprofit Judicial Watch show. For example, Abedin emailed colleagues that she was 'on a packed train' but offered to discuss the details of a trip to Russia on a call. Another email shows Abedin used her private account to select a hotel for Clinton on an upcoming trip to Hanoi." (Sarah Westwood, "State Dept. Releases New Emails From Top Clinton Aide," *Washington Examiner*, 9/21/15)

Other "Potentially Sensitive Information" Sent On The Private Server Include Abedin And Other Staff Members' Discussion Whether To Accept An Invitation To Meet With The Iraqi Foreign Minister. "Other records indicate Abedin, like others in Clinton's email network, sent potentially sensitive information using the private server. In one instance, Abedin and other staff members discussed whether to accept an invitation to meet with the Iraqi foreign minister. Abedin oversaw minute details of Clinton's travel and work schedule, including what foods the secretary would eat during her flights and whether she would sign a postcard to be put on display at a Smithsonian museum." (Sarah Westwood, "State Dept. Releases New Emails From Top Clinton Aide," *Washington Examiner*, 9/21/15)

One Of The Emails That Triggered The FBI Probe Was A Message From Abedin That Contained Intelligence From Three Agencies, And The State Department’s Release Of The Email Could Have Violated An Executive Order

One Of The Emails That Triggered The FBI Probe Of Clinton’s Private Server Was A Message From Abedin That Contained Intelligence From Three Agencies. “One of the two emails that sparked the FBI probe was an April 2011 email from Clinton confidant Huma Abedin that, Fox News has learned, contained intelligence from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), which oversees aerial imagery, including satellites.” (Catherine Herridge, “Exclusive: State Dept.-Released Clinton Email Had Classified Intel From 3 Agencies, Possibly Violating Obama Order,” Fox News, 8/26/15)

The State Department’s Release Of The Email And Its Intelligence Could Be A Violation Of A President Obama-Signed Executive Order. “One of the emails that triggered the FBI probe into Hillary Clinton’s server contained classified intelligence from three different agencies, Fox News has learned – which could mean the State Department violated a President Obama-signed executive order by authorizing its release. ... [T]he State Department publicly released the email and its intelligence – which was not theirs to declassify – onto its website in May as part of the initial release of documents on the 2012 Benghazi attack.” (Catherine Herridge, “Exclusive: State Dept.-Released Clinton Email Had Classified Intel From 3 Agencies, Possibly Violating Obama Order,” Fox News, 8/26/15)

Executive Order 13526, Signed By Obama In December 2009, States That The Authority To Declassify Intelligence Rests With The Agency That Originated The Information. “Information shall be declassified or downgraded by: (1) the official who authorized the original classification, if that official is still serving in the same position and has original classification authority; (2) the originator’s current successor in function, if that individual has original classification authority; (3) a supervisory official of either the originator or his or her successor in function, if the supervisory official has original classification authority; or (4) officials delegated declassification authority in writing by the agency head or the senior agency official of the organizing agency.” (“Executive Order 13526- Classified National Security Information,” The White House Office Of The Press Secretary, 12/29/09)

The Agencies Confirmed That The Information Abedin Sent Was Classified At The Time. “Fox News is told that in late spring, all three agencies confirmed to the intelligence community inspector general that the intelligence was classified when it was sent four years ago by Abedin to Clinton’s private account, and remains classified to this day.” (Catherine Herridge, “Exclusive: State Dept.-Released Clinton Email Had Classified Intel From 3 Agencies, Possibly Violating Obama Order,” Fox News, 8/26/15)

From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 5:49 PM
To: 'sullivanjj@state.gov'
Subject: Re: Let me know when we can talk.

Hey its huma
 She can't talk right now
 She will call when she gets in car. What flight u on? Can u email me on other email?

----- Original Message -----
From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
To: H; jake.sullivan
Sent: Thu Nov 11 17:43:04 2010
Subject: Re: Let me know when we can talk.

Will call shortly.

----- Original Message -----
From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
To: 'jake.sullivan' Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Thu Nov 11 17:20:11 2010
Subject: Let me know when we can talk.

Emails Show Huma Abedin Had Access To Clinton’s Email. (Email From Hillary Clinton [Huma Abedin] To Jake Sullivan, “Re: Let Me Know When We Can Talk.,” U.S. Department Of State, 11/11/10)

(Email From Hillary Clinton [Huma Abedin] To Jake Sullivan, “Re: Let Me Know When We Can Talk.,” U.S.

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NOTE: A Clinton Campaign Fact sheet On Hillary Clinton's Email Server Had Previously Stated That No One Else Had Access To Clinton's Email Account. "Was there ever an unauthorized intrusion into her email or did anyone else have access to it? No." (*"Updated: The Facts About Hillary Clinton's Emails," Hillary For America, 7/13/15*)

POSSIBLE ISSUES WITH THE PRIVATE SERVER

NBC News Said The "Most Damning" Email From The August 31, 2015 State Department Release Was An Email Sent From Abedin To Clinton Informing Her That The State Department's IT Department Was Unaware Of Her Private Server.

"Maybe the most damning email released last night was aide Huma Abedin acknowledging that the State Department's IT team didn't realize Hillary Clinton had her own email account. 'Ur email must be back up!!' Abedin wrote to Clinton. 'What happened is judith sent you an email. It bounced back. She called the email help desk at state (I guess assuming u had state email) and told them that. They had no idea it was YOU, just some random address so they emailed. Sorry about that.' In short, the IT department didn't even realize that Clinton had her own private account." (*Chuck Todd, Mark Murray, and Carrie Dann, "The Most Damning Email From Last Night," NBC News' First Read, 9/1/15*)

In October 2012, Abedin Could Not Get Into Her Clinton Email

In An October 10, 2012 Email Exchange With The Clinton Foundation's Executive Director, Abedin States That She Could Not Get Into Her "Clinton Email," Showing There Were Issues With The Server.

"At 8:33 a.m. on Oct. 10, 2012, Abedin asks Streett if her email went through. 'My bigger problem right now is that I can't even get into my clinton email,' she writes. 'This email chain of Hillary Clinton's closest adviser Huma Abedin raises even more questions about the private Clinton email system and why there must be an independent investigation,' Citizens United President David Bossie said. 'How long was the Clinton server down and how often was it down? Was it down as the result of a hack or attempted hack? And, equally important, who serviced the server?'" (*Greg Gordon, Anita Kumar, and Marisa Taylor, "GOP Says State Department May Be Hindering Clinton Email Probe," McClatchy, 7/30/15*)

"A 2012 Email Exchange In Which Hillary Clinton's Top Aide Huma Abedin Complains That Her Clinton Email Account Was Down Raises New Questions About The National Security Implications Of Clinton's Private Email Server Arrangement." (*Chuck Ross, "Emails Show Top Hillary Aide Complaining That Clinton Email Account Wasn't Working," Daily Caller, 7/30/15*)

PAY DISPUTE AND INVESTIGATION

Abedin Has Been Accused Of Accepting Overpayments While At The State Department

Abedin Was "Overpaid By Nearly \$10,000" During Her Tenure As One Of Hillary Clinton's Closest Aides At The State Department. "State Department investigators concluded this year that Huma Abedin, one of Hillary Rodham Clinton's closest aides, was overpaid by nearly \$10,000 because of violations governing vacation and sick leave during her tenure as an official in the department." (*Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, "Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department," The Washington Post, 7/31/15*)

“...Huma Abedin, one of Hillary Rodham Clinton's closest aides, was overpaid by nearly \$10,000 because of violations governing vacation and sick leave...” – *The Washington Post*

“The Finding – Which Abedin Has Formally Contested – Emerged Publicly Friday After Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) Sent Letters To Secretary Of State John F. Kerry And Others Seeking More Information About An Investigation Into Possible ‘Criminal’ Conduct By Abedin Concerning Her Pay.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Abedin Was Initially Paid \$33,000 For Unused Leave Time. “In Mr. Grassley’s letter concerning Ms. Abedin, the senator focused on the payment, initially said to be \$33,000, that she received from the State Department in May 2013. It was intended to reflect leave time Ms. Abedin earned but didn’t take during her time at the department and as a Senate aide.” (Devlin Barrett and Peter Nicholas, “Close Clinton Aide Huma Abedin In Overpayment Dispute,” *The Wall Street Journal*, 7/31/15)

Grassley Pointed Out That Staff Of The Inspector General Had Found “At Least A Reasonable Suspicion Of Violation Of The Law.” “Grassley indicates in the letters, which were provided to The Washington Post, that he is describing information from an inquiry by the State Department’s Office of Inspector General. A spokesman for Grassley said the senator’s office has not independently confirmed the allegations. In letters sent Thursday to Abedin, Kerry and the Office of Inspector General, Grassley wrote that staff of the inspector general had found ‘at least a reasonable suspicion of violation’ of the law concerning the ‘theft of public money through time and attendance fraud’ as well as ‘conflicts of interest connected to her overlapping employment.’” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Grassley Also Alleged Hillary Clinton’s Use Of A Private Email Server Interfered With The Inquiry By Rendering Relevant Communications “Unavailable To The OIG Through Its Normal Statutory Right Of Access To Records.” “Grassley also alleged that Clinton’s highly controversial private e-mail arrangement interfered with the investigation. The committee ‘has learned that the OIG had reason to believe that e-mail evidence relevant to that inquiry was contained in e-mails Ms. Abedin sent and received from her account on Secretary Clinton’s non-government server, making them unavailable to the OIG through its normal statutory right of access to records,’ Grassley wrote.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Abedin’s Time Sheets, As Grassley Described It, “Indicated That She Never Took Vacation Or Sick Leave During Her Four Years At The State Department,” Although The Report Identified Evidence To The Contrary, Including A Trip To Italy. “According to Grassley’s description of the investigation, Abedin’s time sheets indicated that she never took vacation or sick leave during her four years at the State Department, from January 2009 to February 2013. But the investigation, the senator wrote, found evidence that Abedin did take time off, including a 10-day trip to Italy, and that she told colleagues in e-mails that she was ‘on leave.’” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

The Inspector General Directed Abedin To Refund The Government \$9,857.73. “The inspector general directed Ms. Abedin to refund the government \$9,857.73, according to a letter released Saturday by her lawyer, Karen L. Dunn, who said Ms. Abedin will challenge the finding. Her lawyers criticized the inquiry for ‘holes in its methodology’ and ‘unsupported allegations.’” (Mikayla Bouchard, “Inquiry Faults Huma Abedin, Close Aide To Hillary Clinton,” *The New York Times’ First Draft*, 8/1/15)

When Abedin Learned Of The Inspector General’s Findings In May 2015, She Contested The Findings And Requested A Now-Ongoing Administrative Review. “Attorneys for Abedin said she learned in May that the State Department’s inspector general had concluded that she improperly collected \$9,857 for periods when she was on vacation or leave. Abedin responded with a 12-page letter contesting the findings and formally requesting an administrative review of the investigation’s conclusion, a process that remains ongoing.” (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, “Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department,” *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

Abedin's Attorneys Say Evidence Uncovered In The Investigation Rejects The "Finding That She Had Done No Work While On The Italy Trip And In The Weeks After She Gave Birth," And That The Report Reached No Findings On Abedin's Employment Situation Or "Issues Related To The Use Of Clinton's Private E-Mail Server." "Her attorneys say the conclusion that Abedin was overpaid relied on a finding that she had done no work while on the Italy trip and in the weeks after she gave birth in December 2011. However, they wrote that the evidence uncovered by the inspector general made it clear that she had worked extensively during those times. ... Abedin's attorneys said the inquiry resulted in a finding only about the pay issue and not about any possible conflicts of interest posed by her work arrangement or issues related to the use of Clinton's private e-mail server." (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, "Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department," *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

NOTE: The OIG did not question the time Abedin was caring for her child, but did question the trip to Italy.

"The Finding That Abedin ... Had Improperly Collected Taxpayer Money Could Prove Damaging To Clinton's Candidacy, As Republicans Charge That Government Rules Were Routinely Bent To Benefit Clinton And Her Aides." (Tom Hamburger, Rosalind Helderman and Carol Leonnig, "Top Clinton Aide Accused Of Receiving Overpayments At State Department," *The Washington Post*, 7/31/15)

STATE DEPARTMENT IG CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION & ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO EMBEZZLEMENT

In October 2013, The State Department Inspector General Opened A Criminal Investigation Of Abedin For Potential Embezzlement

Federal Investigators Formally Investigated Abedin For The Crime Of Embezzlement After She Took Vacation And Maternity Time Without Expending Her Formal Leave. "Federal investigators formally investigated top Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin for the crime of embezzlement after confirming she took a 'Babymoon' vacation and maternity time at the State Department without expending her formal leave, resulting in thousands of dollars of pay she wasn't entitled to receive, *The Washington Times* has learned." (John Solomon, "The Huma Files: Feds Formally Investigated Top Hillary Aide For Embezzlement," *The Washington Times*, 9/9/15)

The State Department's Inspector General Escalated A Preliminary Inquiry Into Abedin's Compensation To A "Criminal" Probe In October 2013. "State's watchdog in October 2013 escalated a preliminary inquiry regarding Abedin's work compensation to a 'criminal' probe, according to a copy of the notice the watchdog gave the FBI, which was obtained by POLITICO. 'This is to notify you the U.S. Department of State, Office of Inspector General, Washington, D.C., has opened a criminal investigation of the following: Subject: Huma M. Abedin. Title: Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Office: Office of the Secretary,' reads the notice to the FBI. 'The investigation concerns allegations of title 18 U.S.C. 641 Theft.'" (Rachael Bade, "Watchdog Opened 'Criminal' Abedin Probe, But DOJ Passed," *Politico*, 9/10/15)

In A Notice Sent From The State Department To The FBI, The Department's IG Said It Had Opened A Criminal Investigation Of Abedin Because Of "Theft." "But on Oct. 22, 2013, the State Department inspector general notified the FBI that it had opened a criminal investigation of Huma Abedin because of 'theft,' according to a notice sent from the agency watchdog to the FBI that was obtained by the Washington Examiner. The investigation focused on whether Abedin accepted payment for unused leave time that she allegedly spent vacationing and on maternity leave, an accusation her legal team has disputed. The inspector general claimed Abedin did not submit timesheets that reflected her intention to take time off. Her attorneys assert Abedin worked during her maternity leave and vacation, thereby justifying the thousands she was paid for work during that time." (Sarah Westwood, "Docs Show Clinton Aide Investigated For Theft," *Washington Examiner*, 9/15/15)

The Formal Probe Also Gathered Evidence That Abedin Filed Timesheets Charging The Government For Impermissible Overtime And Excessive Hours After Converting From A Fulltime Federal Employee To A State Department Contractor – A Time Period Which Remains Under Investigation. “The probe also gathered evidence she filed timesheets charging the government for impermissible overtime and excessive hours after she converted from a fulltime federal employer to a State Department contractor. Those timecards were filed during a period of time that remains under investigation over questions about possible conflicts of interest, documents gathered by the State Department inspector general show.” (John Solomon, “The Huma Files: Feds Formally Investigated Top Hillary Aide For Embezzlement,” *The Washington Times*, 9/9/15)

“Abedin May Have Worked As A Special Employee Weeks Longer Than Federal Regulations Allow, The Inspector General Report Found. While The Regulations Cap Special Government Employees From Working Under The Arrangement For More Than 130 Days, Abedin Allegedly Served As A Special Employee For 244 Days.” (Sarah Westwood, “Docs show Clinton aide investigated for theft,” *Washington Examiner*, 9/15/15)

“What’s More, She Billed The State Department For Overtime While Working For The Clinton Foundation And Teneo, Which Is Not Permitted Under SGE Rules.” (Sarah Westwood, “Docs show Clinton aide investigated for theft,” *Washington Examiner*, 9/15/15)

Abedin Claimed She Didn’t Notice Receiving A \$33,000 Lump Sum Payment – Which Is A Third Of What Investigators Determined Was Improper – When She Left The State Department, Blaming Her Husband For Failing To Let Her Know.

“Ms. Abedin, who served as a deputy chief of staff to Mrs. Clinton from 2009 thru late 2012, told investigators she hadn’t noticed she had received a \$33,000 lump sum payment — about a third of which investigators determined was improper — when she left the State. She suggested her husband, the disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner, failed to let her know. ‘My husband handles all the finances in our household,’ she told investigators during a recorded interview in October 2014. She said she only learned of the payment after being contacted by investigators two years after her departure. ‘I did ask my husband to look up our bank statements, and we did have a deposit,’ she said during her interview.” (John Solomon, “The Huma Files: Feds Formally Investigated Top Hillary Aide For Embezzlement,” *The Washington Times*, 9/9/15)

During The Investigation, Abedin Also Acknowledged It Was Likely She Did Not Fill Out A Required Form When She Went On Vacation, Resulting In Her Having Excessive Vacation Time Cashed Out To Her.

“She also acknowledged it was likely she did not fill out the required form when she went on a two-week vacation to Europe in 2011 while she was pregnant — a trip she called a ‘Babymoon’ in emails and her interview. The failure to file the form resulted in her having excessive vacation time cashed out to her in the lump payment upon leaving government, investigators concluded. ‘You are 100 percent right on the Babymoon. I don’t recall. One hundred percent right. I don’t recall filling out any paperwork saying I was taking leave,’ she told the investigators. ‘And I’m not even going to blame it on my pregnancy brain.’” (John Solomon, “The Huma Files: Feds Formally Investigated Top Hillary Aide For Embezzlement,” *The Washington Times*, 9/9/15)

“The State Department’s Inspector General Formally Concluded That Ms. Abedin Failed To Correctly Submit Multiple Required Timesheet And Leave Forms Covering Her Vacation And Maternity Leave, Resulting In An Overpayment Of \$10,674.32 That She Wasn’t Entitled To Receive When She Left Her Job.” (John Solomon, “The Huma Files: Feds Formally Investigated Top Hillary Aide For Embezzlement,” *The Washington Times*, 9/9/15)

Documents Provided To The Washington Times Make Clear The Inquiry Was Clearly Criminal In Nature And Ultimately Referred To Federal Prosecutors.

“Ms. Abedin’s lawyer, Miguel Rodriguez, has accused the senator of a smear job in suggesting there was any criminality. The documents provided to the Times by a source outside the Senate or the IG’s office make clear, however, the inquiry was clearly criminal in nature and ultimately referred to federal prosecutors.” (John Solomon, “The Huma Files: Feds Formally Investigated Top Hillary Aide For Embezzlement,” *The Washington Times*, 9/9/15)

After 15 Months Of Document Gathering And Interviews, The State Department IG Submitted Its Case Against Abedin For Review By The Justice Department Public Integrity Division, Which Declined To Prosecute Abedin. “The FBI was first alerted that the IG was conducting a ‘criminal investigation’ of Ms. Abedin in a memo dated Oct. 22, 2013, the records show. After 15 months of extensive document gathering and interviews, the IG submitted the case for review by the Justice Department public integrity division, which declined to prosecute Ms. Abedin. The ‘alleged violations’ cited were improperly requesting and approving annual leave and ‘embezzlement,’ the documents state. ‘The case was not declined based on the merits of the investigation,’ the final investigative report dated Jan. 26, 2015 stated. Such a designation usually means federal prosecutors didn’t feel a prosecution was worth the resources, but they did not make a decision on the facts and evidence. The designation opened the door for the department to seek reimbursement of \$10,674.32 in payments that investigators concluded Ms. Abedin was not entitled to receive, the documents show.” (*John Solomon, “The Huma Files: Feds Formally*

Sources Close To Abedin Argue The Justice Department’s Decision Not To Pursue The Matter, Which Is Instead Being Handled As An Administrative Claim, Exonerates Abedin. “But sources close to Abedin, Clinton’s former deputy chief of staff and current vice chairwoman for the campaign, argued that the news actually exonerates Abedin because the Justice Department’s public integrity unit declined to pursue the matter. It’s unclear exactly why Justice didn’t take it up, but it’s now being handled as an administrative claim in which State has asked Abedin to pay back about \$10,000 the IG concluded she was over-compensated.” (*Rachael Bade, “Watchdog Opened ‘Criminal’ Abedin Probe, But DOJ Passed,” Politico, 9/10/15*)

Clinton Campaign Spokesman Nick Merrill: “The IG Had Questions About The Details Of Her [Maternity] Leave, Huma Answered. There Is A Review Ongoing. Anything Beyond That Is The Product Of Partisan Leaks With A Clear Agenda.” (*Rachael Bade, “Watchdog Opened ‘Criminal’ Abedin Probe, But DOJ Passed,” Politico, 9/10/15*)

Weeks Ago, Abedin’s Lawyers Acknowledged They Are Contesting The Overpayment Charges, But Attorney Miguel Rodriguez Denied There Was Ever A Criminal Investigation About Them. “Abedin’s lawyers have acknowledged the \$10,000 overpayment issue weeks ago and said they’re fighting it. They maintain that she was actually working during the maternity leave and vacation time, though it doesn’t appear she properly logged the information into the State Department system. But they’ve denied that the overpayment dispute, widely known, ever turned into a criminal investigation. ‘There is no criminal investigation and never has been,’ said Miguel Rodriguez, an attorney at Bryan Cave, said a month ago in response to questions about a criminal investigation. ‘To say otherwise is just patently false and needlessly inflammatory.’” (*Rachael Bade, “Watchdog Opened ‘Criminal’ Abedin Probe, But DOJ Passed,” Politico, 9/10/15*)

Abedin’s Lawyers Wrote To The State Department Comptroller’s Office To Complain About The Title Of Its Report – “Huma Abedin, Embezzlement” – Because The Claim Was “So Unsubstantiated And Unsupported” That Using It In The Title Was “Irresponsible And Unnecessarily Provocative.” “And her legal team in the past has taken aim at the State IG’s overpayment report, including its title: ‘Huma Abedin, Embezzlement.’ ‘This claim is so unsubstantiated and unsupported that beyond mentioning it as an allegation, the report never mentions it again,’ her lawyers wrote in a separate letter to State’s comptroller’s office. ‘Given that the allegation of embezzlement is baseless on its face, and never even pursued by the OIG, it was irresponsible and unnecessarily provocative for the OIG to label its report in this manner.’” (*Rachael Bade, “Watchdog Opened ‘Criminal’ Abedin Probe, But DOJ Passed,” Politico, 9/10/15*)

BENGHAZI INVESTIGATION

In July 2015, Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) Announced Plans To Interview Several Clinton Aides, Including As Part Of The Benghazi Investigation

On July 6, 2015, Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC) Announced That He Plans To Interview Abedin In Regards To The House Select Committee On Benghazi's Investigation. "Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) disclosed Monday that he plans to interview three of Clinton's top advisers: Huma Abedin, a longtime Clinton aide; Cheryl Mills, Clinton's former chief of staff; and Jake Sullivan, a former director of policy planning at the State Department. Gowdy, who leads the House Select Committee on Benghazi, said there are others on the list but he will not release their names 'given the nature of their work.'" (Elise Viebeck, "Gowdy Wants To Grill Huma Abedin About Benghazi," *The Washington Post*, 7/7/15)

Reports Indicate Abedin May Testify Before The Committee In Mid-October. "Hillary Clinton confidante & aide Huma Abedin expected to appear before #Benghazi Cmte for closed door deposition Oct 16." (CChad Pergram, *Twitter Feed*, 9/29/15)

ZAIN ENDEAVORS, LLC

Abedin Formed Her Own Company 11 Days Before She Stepped Down As Clinton's Deputy Chief Of Staff

In August 2015, CNN Reported That Abedin Formed A Company, Zain Endeavors LLC, 11 Days Before Abedin Stepped Down As Clinton's Deputy Chief Of Staff. "A company tied to Huma Abedin was formed in the final days of her work at Hillary Clinton's side at the State Department. Zain Endeavors was registered 11 days before Abedin left her post as Clinton's deputy chief of staff to work instead as a consultant for the State Department, the Clinton Foundation and Teneo, a consulting firm with deep ties to the Clintons." (Chris Frates, "New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department," *CNN*, 8/19/15)

CNN's Review Of Public Records Shows That Zain Endeavors Shares Abedin's Home Address And A Name With Abedin's Son, Jordan Zain Weiner. "A CNN review of public records shows that Zain Endeavors shares Abedin's home address. And it also shares a name with Abedin's son, Jordan Zain Weiner, suggesting the company could have been registered for her." (Chris Frates, "New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department," *CNN*, 8/19/15)

"Zain Endeavors LLC Is Registered With The New York Department Of State." (Chris Frates, "New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department," *CNN*, 8/19/15)

Abedin's "Lawyers, State Department And Clinton Campaign Officials Did Not Respond To Questions About The Company." (Chris Frates, "New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department," *CNN*, 8/19/15)

While There Is Nothing Illegal About Abedin Creating The LLC, "The Timing Is Noteworthy" Because Of Recent Questioning Of Whether Abedin's Consulting Work For The State Department And Private Organizations Created A Conflict Of Interest. "There is nothing illegal about a private citizen creating a company, nor is it unprecedented for someone who is self-employed to form an LLC to provide them with legal protections and tax benefits. But the timing is noteworthy because some conservative lawmakers and outside groups have questioned whether Abedin's consulting work for the State Department and private organizations created a conflict of interest." (Chris Frates, "New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department," *CNN*, 8/19/15)

Abedin's Use Of An LLC "Is Not Unprecedented" In Clinton's Inner Circle, Given Bill Clinton's Use Of His Own LLC. "Abedin's use of an LLC is not unprecedented in Clinton's inner circle. Former President Bill Clinton has used WJC, LLC to provide consulting services. And because the company has no financial assets -- but rather was designed to channel payments to Bill Clinton -- Hillary Clinton was not required to disclose it on her recent financial disclosure report, *The Associated Press* reported." (Chris Frates, "New Company Established 11 Days Before Huma Abedin Left State Department," *CNN*, 8/19/15)

POOR TREATMENT OF U.S. SECRET SERVICE

U.S. Secret Service Agents Complained About Working For Clinton And Abedin

Author Roland Kessler: “When It Comes To Arrogance, Huma Abedin, Hillary Clinton’s Longtime Top Aide, And Her Presidential Candidate Boss Are Two Peas In A Pod, According To Secret Service Agents.” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am?’ How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

NOTE: “Ronald Kessler, a former Washington Post and Wall Street Journal investigative reporter, is the New York Times bestselling author of The Secrets of the FBI and The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents...” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am?’ How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

According To Secret Service Agents Interviewed By Kessler, “Abedin Can Be Just As Rude And Nasty” As Clinton Toward Her Secret Service Detail. “While Hillary Clinton claims she will be the champion of the little people if elected, the truth is that behind the scenes she is so nasty and abusive toward her own Secret Service detail and treats them with such contempt that being assigned to Hillary’s detail is considered a form of punishment within the Security Service. According to Secret Service agents interviewed for my book The First Family Detail, Abedin can be just as rude and nasty as Hillary.” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am?’ How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

One Former Agent Recalled An Incident Where Abedin Was “Belligerent And Angry.” “A former agent recalls helping Abedin when she got lost driving Chelsea to the February 2008 Democrat presidential debate in Los Angeles. ‘She was belligerent and angry about being late for the event,’ the former agent says. ‘No appreciation for any of it, not a thank-you or anything. That was common for her people to be rude.’” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am?’ How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

Another Agent Recounted A Story Where Abedin Did Not Have The Proper Identification That Clears Aides To The Secret Service, And When She Tried To Get By The Agent, “She Tried To Just Force Her Way Through And Said Belligerently, ‘Do You Know Who I Am?’” “At another event in Los Angeles, a female agent challenged Abedin because she was not wearing a pin that identifies cleared aides to Secret Service agents. The agent had no idea who she was. ‘You don’t have the proper identification to go beyond this point,’ the agent told her. ‘Huma basically tried to throw her weight around,’ a former agent says. ‘She tried to just force her way through and said belligerently, ‘Do you know who I am?’ That got her nowhere. Eventually, Abedin - who is married to disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner - cooperated with the agent and suggested a contact who could verify her identity.” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am?’ How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

Another Former Agent Said That Abedin “Looked Down On The Agents And Treated Them As Second-Class Citizens.” “‘Huma Abedin looked down on the agents and treated them as second-class citizens,’ a former agent says. While agents are not supposed to carry luggage, they will do so as a courtesy if they like a female protectee, such as Lynne Cheney or Rosalynn Carter. But with Abedin, ‘the agents were just like, ‘Hey, you’re going to be like that? Well, you get your own luggage to the car. Oh, and by the way, you can carry the first lady’s luggage to the car, too.’ ‘She’d have four bags, and we’d stand there and watch her and say, ‘Oh, can we hold the door open for you?’” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am?’ How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

Former Agent: “When It’s Convenient For Them, They’ll Utilize The Service For Whatever Favor They Need, But Otherwise, They Look Down Upon The Agents, Kind Of Like Servants.” ‘On TV, they will make it sound like they just really appreciated and loved those Secret Service agents and appreciate all their sacrifices and all that,’ a former agent says of the Clintons. ‘Then behind the scenes, they’re like, ‘I don’t want to see these guys.’ He adds: ‘When it’s convenient for them, they’ll utilize the service for whatever favor they need, but otherwise, they look down upon the agents, kind of like servants.’” (Ronald Kessler, “Don’t You Know Who I Am? How Hillary’s ‘Arrogant’ Aide Huma Abedin - Now In The Crosshairs Of Servergate - Tried To Force Her Way Past Secret Service Agents Without Id And Expected Them To Carry Her Luggage,” Daily Mail, 8/20/15)

Chapter 4

“How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe”

A Washington Post investigative report titled “How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe,” published in late August, detailed the interconnected – and potentially conflicted – role Abedin played within the Clinton’s various spheres of influence. Describing a dinner Abedin arranged in Dublin featuring a Teneo executive, Clinton Foundation donors, and State Department personnel including Secretary Clinton – all entities that were paying Abedin at the time – the report read:

The December 2012 event showcased the unique position that Abedin occupied at the apex of the Clintons’ public and private worlds during the final six months of Hillary Clinton’s tenure heading the State Department.

At the time, Abedin held four jobs with four different employers — an arrangement allowed by a special government designation she held permitting outside employment. And each job had a connection to the Dublin dinner.

Given the clear conflicts of interest Abedin faced, it is highly relevant to examine how Abedin managed her intersecting roles on a day-to-day basis, whether she used her State Department position to benefit her other employers, and, most importantly, to what degree her interactions with these potentially conflicting entities involved Secretary Clinton.

RECEIVING PAY FROM FOUR SEPARATE ENTITIES SIMULTANEOUSLY

Abedin’s Multiple Roles And Her Special Government Employee (SGE) Designation Have Become “A Central Element In Several Controversies Dogging Clinton’s Presidential Campaign.” “Abedin’s work during that time is now becoming a central element in several controversies dogging Clinton’s presidential campaign. Republican lawmakers are demanding documents related to her special State Department status, questioning whether her outside work created potential conflicts of interest. An agency inspector general says she was overpaid during her maternity leave, a finding that she contests. Conservative activist groups have gone to court seeking access to her e-mails. And she held a private e-mail account on the same server as Clinton, a system whose security is now under review by the FBI.” (Rosalind Helderman and Tom Hamburger, “How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe,” *The Washington Post*, 8/27/15)

Abedin Was Paid At Least \$490,000 For Her Four Positions – Which Is More Than The President Makes – But Still Complained She Wasn’t Getting Paid Enough

| Abedin’s Sources Of Income | |
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| Deputy Chief Of Staff, U.S. State Department | \$135,000 |
| Adviser, Teneo | \$355,000 |
| Consultant, The Clinton Foundation | Unknown |
| Aide, Hillary Clinton’s Personal Staff | Unknown |

} \$490,000 Total

“How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe”

In A December 2010 Email From Philip Gordon To Abedin And Jacob Sullivan, Gordon Ended His Email With, “To Quote Huma, I Don’t Get Paid Enough.” (Email From Philip Gordon To Huma Abedin And Jacob Sullivan, “Latest,” U.S. State Department, 12/2/10)

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From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2010 7:18 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Latest

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From: Gordon, Philip H
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To quote Huma, I don't get paid enough.

(Email From Philip Gordon To Huma Abedin And Jacob Sullivan, “Latest,” U.S. State Department, 12/2/10)

NOTE: “The President of the United States earns an annual salary of \$400,000. (Barbara L. Schwemle, “Salaries Of Federal Officials: A Fact Sheet,” Congressional Research Service, Updated 1/11/05)

A 2012 Dinner Organized By Abedin Revealed Her “Unique Position” At The “Apex Of The Clintons’ Public And Private Worlds”

In December 2012, Abedin Organized A Dinner With Political Allies In Dublin, Ireland During Clinton’s Final International Trip As Secretary of State, An Event Showcasing Abedin’s “Unique Position” At The “Apex Of The Clintons’ Public And Private Worlds.” “As Hillary Rodham Clinton was preparing for her farewell international trip as secretary of state, her close aide and confidante Huma Abedin e-mailed a small number of longtime political allies to help arrange an intimate get-together at a private club in Dublin. ‘Maybe we can all gather for drinks/dinner and HRC can come join for as long as she can?’ Abedin wrote. The December 2012 event showcased the unique position that Abedin occupied at the apex of the Clintons’ public and private worlds during the final six months of Hillary Clinton’s tenure heading the State Department.” (Rosalind Helderman and Tom Hamburger, “How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe,” *The Washington Post*, 8/27/15)

At The Time, Abedin Held Different Positions: Clinton’s Deputy Chief Of Staff At The State Department, An Adviser At Teneo, A Consultant For The Clinton Foundation, And On Clinton’s Personal Staff. “At the time, Abedin held four jobs with four different organizations — an arrangement allowed by a special government designation she held permitting outside employment. And each job had a connection to the Dublin dinner. The invitation was sent from Abedin’s State Department account as Clinton planned for an official trip in her role as secretary. The dinner itself was attended by the chief executive of the private consulting firm Teneo, which has close ties to the Clintons and employed Abedin as an adviser. Seated around the tables were donors to Clinton’s campaigns as well as to the Clinton Foundation, where Abedin was a contractor preparing for Clinton’s eventual transition to the charity. And Clinton, who was also paying Abedin out of personal funds to prepare for Clinton’s transition into private life, showed up for about an hour.” (Rosalind Helderman and Tom Hamburger, “How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe,” *The Washington Post*, 8/27/15)

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“Several [Who Attended The Dinner] Said They Did Not Know About Abedin’s Multiple Roles At The Time.” (Rosalind Helderman and Tom Hamburger, *“How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe,”* *The Washington Post*, 8/27/15)

Abedin’s Multiple Roles “Make It Difficult To Determine When She Was Working For The Public And When Her Work Was Benefiting A Private Interest.” “New interviews and documents, including the e-mails about the Ireland dinner, provide additional details about some of Abedin’s activities during those months and how her overlapping roles make it difficult to determine when she was working for the public and when her work was benefiting a private interest.” (Rosalind Helderman and Tom Hamburger, *“How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe,”* *The Washington Post*, 8/27/15)

BILL CLINTON SPEECH APPROVAL PROCESS

Abedin Was Part Of The Group Of State Department Officials Who Approved Potential Speaking Engagements For Bill Clinton

According To A Report By ABC News, Bill Clinton Sought State Department Approval For Speaking Engagements In North Korea And The Democratic Republic Of The Congo [DRC], Two Of The Most “Repressive” And “Brutal” Countries In The World. “ABC News has obtained State Department e-mails that shed light on Bill Clinton’s lucrative speaking engagements and show he and the Clinton Foundation tried to get approval for invitations related to two of the most repressive countries in the world – North Korea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. While Hillary Clinton served as Secretary of State, Bill Clinton earned speaking fees around the globe totaling more than \$48 million – speeches that had to be vetted by the State Department to ensure there were no conflicts of interest with his wife’s work as America’s top diplomat. These newly revealed emails show speech requests that the State Department refused to approve. The emails – which have come to light because of a public records request by the conservative group Citizens United, which sued the State Department to get the documents – show just how far Bill Clinton was willing to go to earn those lucrative fees – seeking approval for appearances with ties to two of the most brutal countries in the world.” (Jonathan Karl, *“Bill Clinton Sought State Department OK For Paid Speeches Related To North Korea, Congo, New E-Mails Show,”* *ABC News*, 8/28/15)

In May 2012, Clinton Foundation Foreign Policy Director Amitabh Desai Asked State Department Officials Whether There Would Be “Concerns” Over Clinton Accepting A Speaking Engagement In North Korea And Chief Of Staff Cheryl Mills Responded, “Decline It.” “A second email thread in May 2012 shows another potentially thorny event – subject line: ‘North Korea invitation.’ ‘Is it safe to assume [the U.S. Government] would have concerns about WJC accepting the attached invitation related to North Korea?’ [Clinton Foundation foreign policy director Amitabh] Desai wrote in an email to Mills and two other State Department officials – Jake Sullivan, then-director of Policy Planning Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, and Michael Fuchs, then a special assistant to the Secretary of State who now serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Strategy and Multilateral Affairs in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Mills’ two-word response? ‘Decline it.’” (Jonathan Karl, *“Bill Clinton Sought State Department OK For Paid Speeches Related To North Korea, Congo, New E-Mails Show,”* *ABC News*, 8/28/15)

In June 2012, Bill Clinton Was Offered A \$650,000 Speaking Engagement In Congo, At Which He Would Be Required To Take Photos With The Country’s Dictators. “One email sent in June 2012 to Clinton State Department chief of staff Cheryl Mills from Amitabh Desai, a foreign policy director at the Clinton Foundation, passed on an invitation for a speaking engagement in Brazzaville, Congo. The catch? The dictators of Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo would both be attending – and required photos with Bill Clinton. The speaking fee? A whopping \$650,000.” (Jonathan Karl, *“Bill Clinton Sought State Department OK For Paid Speeches Related To North Korea, Congo, New E-Mails Show,”* *ABC News*, 8/28/15)

“How Huma Abedin Operated At The Center Of The Clinton Universe”

Desai Asked Mills And Abedin, Among Other State Department Officials, Whether Clinton Could Give The Speech If He Gave “100%” Of The Fee To The Clinton Foundation. “Desai forwarded the e-mail to Mills and other State Department employees, including long-time Clinton aide Huma Abedin, asking for state’s opinion on whether Bill Clinton could do the speech but give the money to the Clinton Foundation. ‘WJC wants know what state thinks of it if he took it 100% for the foundation,’ Desai wrote using Clinton’s initials. ‘Wed welcome your thoughts.’” (*Jonathan Karl, “Bill Clinton Sought State Department OK For Paid Speeches Related To North Korea, Congo, New E-Mails Show,” ABC News, 8/28/15*)