

New Batch of Hillary Clinton E-mails Raises Big Questions



Washington, August 11 (RHC)-- Newly released e-mails from U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's time as the former secretary of state have raised questions about possible links between the State Department and the Clinton Foundation.

Hillary Clinton has come under fire for using a private e-mail account and server at her home in New York state for official e-mails when she was Washington's top diplomat between 2009 and 2013.

Conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch released 296 pages of those e-mails, including 44 pages that the former first lady had not handed to the State Department. The e-mails, many of which are heavily redacted, point to a special relationship between the State Department and the Clinton Foundation, which appears to have directly influenced some of the department's decisions.

One of the e-mails shows top Clinton Foundation official Doug Band telling Clinton's then aides -- Cheryl Mills and Huma Abedin -- "to take care of (redacted)" and give him/her a job at the Department. "Personnel has been sending him options," Abedin assures him in response.

Abedin and Mills are told by Band in another email to link a Lebanese-Nigerian billionaire and Clinton Foundation donor named Gilbert Chagoury with the state department's "substance person" on Lebanon.

Hillary Clinton's campaign denied any connections between the e-mails and Clinton's work at the Clinton Foundation. "They are communications between her aides and the President's personal aide, and indeed the recommendation was for one of the Secretary's former staffers who was not employed by the Foundation," Clinton campaign spokesman Josh Schwerin said in a statement.

Clinton's critics, including her Republican rival Donald Trump, say the e-mail fiasco shows that she has endangered government secrets and evaded transparency laws. Trump's campaign attacked Clinton following the new release and painted her as unfit for the top position.

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