

# The Metadata Will Bite You Every Time

“PRESERVED...SOMEWHERE”

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To: Senator Grassley, Chairman, Finance Committee  
Senior Member, Judiciary Committee  
Senator Johnson, Chairman, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
From: Majority Staff, Finance Committee  
Majority Staff, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
Date: August 14, 2019  
Re: Investigation of the DOJ's and FBI's Handling of the Clinton Investigation

Dear Chairman Grassley and Chairman Johnson:

We write to provide you with information that we developed as part of your investigation into the mishandling of highly classified information and operation of a non-government server for official business by Secretary Clinton and her associates. Statements made in a joint bipartisan staff interview by intelligence community officials involved in the classification review raise particular concerns that senior State Department officials sought to downgrade classified material found on the server.

(Aug. 20, 2019) — *The Preliminaries*

Well, well, well... whadda ya know? It now appears that the 30,000+ emails that Hillary Rodham Clinton (“HRC”) ordered BleachBitted and sledge-hammered into oblivion... might yet still be retrieved. It is now reported [here](#) that “a new Senate report” has found that nearly all (*i.e.*, all but four (4)) of HRC’s emails may have been potentially sent to an encrypted Google email “dummy” account address – [carterheavyindustries@gmail.com](mailto:carterheavyindustries@gmail.com) – and might yet still be retrievable. Moreover, there is anecdotal evidence that the email account might (unconfirmed as yet) be tied in to a Chinese company which may have received – in real time as they were being sent and received – copies of all of those emails.

The reference to a “Senate Report” in the Daily Caller posting is likely to an extensive [memo](#) prepared by Senate staffers for Senators Charles Grassley, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and Ron Johnson, Chair of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. The “Grassley-Johnson Memo” was released Aug. 14, 2019 and is 105 pages long, including exhibits. It discloses some very interesting – and disturbing – things.

For openers, it reveals that Mr. Paul Combetta – the computer aide hired by HRC to assist in choreographing her unauthorized, “home-brewed” computer server fandango – created the encrypted email “dummy” account on Aug. 20, 2012 as part of the plan to “migrate,”

then delete, the HRC emails from a laptop computer to her new server. But apparently those transferred emails were preserved... somewhere. Remember that date, as it will be relevant later on.

Second, sometime in late 2015 or early in 2016, two [Intelligence Community](#) Inspector General (“ICIG”) investigators were searching through various of HRC’s emails as part of the effort to determine whether Clinton’s unauthorized server had been compromised or “hacked” by foreign actors, governmental or otherwise.

Recall that the original impetus for searching out and examining the missing emails was the discovery of the existence in the first place of the unauthorized HRC computer server while investigating the attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya on Sept. 11-12, 2012.

As part of the 2015-2016 examination, one of the ICIG investigators discovered what he termed to be an “anomaly” in the concealed “metadata” embedded in each of the 30,490 emails he examined. This anomaly consisted of the encrypted email address above-noted and appeared in the metadata of all but four (4) of the emails reviewed. Stated otherwise, the “anomalous” email address was contained in the metadata of 99.987% of the emails HRC sent or received in the batch examined by the investigators.

As a brief tutorial, “metadata” simply refers to “[data about data](#).” In the context of digital or electronic documents such as texts, emails and scanned attachments, it refers to information about the email, text or the scan, such as when it was created; how long it is; what device or computer it was created on; where/when it was sent; where/when it was received; etc. It is usually accessed by a mouse “right-click” on the electronic image of the document being examined.



Whether the batch of emails the investigators examined was a preserved set of the ones which were already under congressional subpoena and which HRC ordered Combetta to destroy – ahem..., a federal felony – or some other set is unclear. However, that which *is* clear from the Aug. 14, 2019 Grassley-Johnson Memo is that nearly 99.99% of all the messages HRC sent or received in that set were copied to the email address

["carterheavyindustries@gmail.com,"](mailto:carterheavyindustries@gmail.com) the "anomaly" address the investigators discovered in the metadata.

The ICIG investigators also found it odd that the address was discovered concealed in the metadata of email "strings" which were "buried" in the middle of sometimes lengthy lists of senders or recipients of the emails. Because of these unusual and unexplained anomalies found in the email metadata, they also determined that their existence should be brought to the attention of the FBI.

Accordingly, at a meeting in February of 2016 [attended](#) by the ICIG investigators and members of the FBI – including one Peter ("We've-Got-an-Anti-Trump-Insurance-Policy") Stroz – the discovery of the anomaly was discussed... to no avail. Certain FBI agents present at the meeting confirmed that they already knew about the anomaly, and Monsieur Stroz – described by one of the investigators as "aloof and disinterested" – showed no interest in pursuing this issue.

Stay tuned, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls..., because this could be *huge*.

Hillary Clinton's explanations for why these emails had been destroyed – they were purportedly all personal messages about secret yoga positions, cooking recipes and wedding planning and having absolutely *nothing* to do with her "official" duties as Secretary of State in the Obama regime – were beyond comical. They were lies. And yet comical actions (*e.g.*, running for president) and lies (*e.g.*, "that vile video caused the Benghazi attack") have become the hallmark fingerprint of HRC's slither through life.

As [reported](#) earlier this year, the fact that a significant number of the "email repositories" where the emails were found included "the Executive Office of the President," *i.e.*, Barack Hussein Obama II, cannot bode well – even today – for either Monsieur Obama or HRC. As noted last April by Mr. Tom Fitton of the government watchdog organization "Judicial Watch": "No wonder Hillary Clinton has thus far skated – Barack Obama is implicated in her email scheme."

Now, with the additional revelations disclosed in the Grassley-Johnson Memo, the plot thickens even more. Reader alert: stay with me here, because what follows might be deemed "out on the warning track" conspiracy-theory material, but now with potential metadata corroborating backup.

### ***The Fallout***

While there are myriad conspiracy theories out there, in your humble servant's view, one of the most plausible is that the 2012 Benghazi attack may have actually been the result of a botched kidnapping attempt. The theory was addressed by your humble servant [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Far-fetched? Perhaps..., until one remembers that the facts underpinning the "vast right-wing conspiracy" alleged by HRC in defense of Slick Willy in response to [allegations](#) of his "extreme mentoring" of Monica Lewinsky turned out to be..., let us say it together: true.



*Why were Amb. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans left to die on September 11/12, 2012 in Benghazi, Libya?*

Recall again that the origin of the HRC email scandal traces back to concerns over the Sept. 11-12, 2012 attack on the U.S. “diplomatic compound” at Benghazi and the nearby “CIA annex.” It was during that attack that four Americans – Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens; Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith; and former Navy Seal and CIA security contractors Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty – lost their lives in large part because they, along with local and regional defense assets (*i.e.*, men with planes and guns) were told to “stand down” as the attack proceeded. Pleas for assistance from Ambassador Stevens himself were deflected and ignored. Watch the movie “[Thirteen Hours](#)” to get the full flavor.

Why?

Despite the testimony of survivors of the attack that they were told to “stand down” and delay coming to the aid of Ambassador Stevens, HRC, Obama and his cadre of apparatchiks denied the same, first blaming the attack on a “vile video” and then finally claiming it was the result of the “fog of war,” where bad things can happen to good people.

Recall as well that, in the months leading up to the 2012 general election, the campaigns of both Obama and his challenger, Mitt Romney, had heated up. With the “home stretch” polling showing the two candidates well within the general margins of error, the natural question arose in each campaign camp: what might be done by the candidates to improve their chances of winning? As for the Romney campaign, the ideas were few and far between: Romney’s “cleanup” of the 2002 Winter Olympics was a distant and largely irrelevant “success” story in his career purportedly qualifying him to be president.

On the other hand, in the Obama war room, what if... what if... reader alert: speculation warning... speculation warning... what if a plan could be concocted to *ensure* his re-election? An “October Surprise” from which Romney could not recover. Hmmm... what if a senior U.S. official..., say, an ambassador to a country in the dangerous Middle East..., Libya, perhaps... were to be allowed to be captured in a sham kidnapping undertaken in concert with Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi? Morsi wanted the “Blind Sheik” released from U.S. prison, so maybe a swap – the sheik for Stevens –

could be engineered. The Libyan and U.S. military and CIA security personnel at the compound where Stevens was located would be ordered to “stand down” to ensure that the kidnapping was not impeded. Our military personnel are professionals, and when they are ordered to stand down, they will follow orders and stand down.

The ambassador could then be safely taken from the Benghazi compound and held by the fake “kidnappers” in a “safe house.” Thereafter, they would issue daily threats to the Great Satan that unless Obama gave the kidnappers what they wanted – freedom for Omar Abdel-Rahman, the “Blind Sheik” incarcerated in North Carolina for his role in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center – the ambassador would be beheaded... or burned alive on TV... or shot and dragged through the streets.

The return of Abdel-Rahman to his native Egypt was also a platform pledge of then-Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi... who... tragically... recently [died](#) while on trial and in custody in Egypt. Parenthetically, Morsi’s death was ruled to be caused by a heart attack and was not a suicide.

The faux threats against Stevens would gradually intensify toward election day, with the Obama-centric media doing everything in its power to keep the story alive 24/7. The talking heads and hand-wringers would have a field day going back and forth over (a) not negotiating with terrorists and (b) saving the life of a U.S. ambassador. After being held for a while... say, 45 days in the run-up to the general election..., he would be released in exchange for Abdel-Rahman.

CNN would be called upon to provide exclusive live TV coverage of Ambassador Stevens’ return to Andrews Air Force Base in the dead of night a few days before the general election. It could even be arranged that he exit an Air Force C5M Super Galaxy [cargo jet](#) into the welcoming arms of Obama, with Clinton next to him giving him a second hug.

Obama could give a brief speech saying he hated to release Abdel-Rahman, but ultimately, the saving of Stevens’ life prevailed and he would let the American electorate judge him on his actions next Tuesday. Ambassador Stevens would add his perpetual gratitude and praise for Obama’s courage and statesmanship. CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, The New York Times, the WaPo... maybe even Fox would all gush their praise of Obama and Clinton. Oh, and by the way, the CNN video images of HRC staunchly defending Obama and welcoming Stevens back to American soil could come in *really* handy for her in her 2016 presidential campaign.



*The late Mohamed Morsi was ousted from office in 2013 by a popular rising*

Ambassador Stevens, of course, might not buy into the plan, so he would not be told of it. And since his safety would be guaranteed, there would be no need to inform him. It would be strictly *entre nous* between Obama and Clinton and a few trusted co-conspirators, including Morsi. What could possibly go wrong? As for metadata: what the heck is metadata?

First, there is a stockpile of anecdotal evidence – much of it concededly circumstantial, but in the aggregate disturbing – supporting the hypothesis that a hypothetical scenario such as described above might not have been all that hypothetical. Specifically, there was posted to the Internet (YouTube) on Sept. 13, 2012, one day after the attack, a corroborating video taken by either one of the “kidnappers” or one of the Libyan security guards during the initial attack on the compound. In the video, a voice is heard to yell, in Arabic (with English subtitles): “Don’t shoot us! We were sent by Mursi!”

That video was once available at [shoebat.com](http://shoebat.com) but was scrubbed after a short time with the following explanation: “The YouTube account associated with this video has been terminated due to multiple third-party notifications of copyright infringement.” Seriously? And who, pray tell, held that copyright?

There was, however, another posting of the same video at a different YouTube address [here](#). In that video, the voice is heard to yell, in Arabic (also with English subtitles): “Don’t shoot them! They were sent by Dr. Morsi!”

But, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, guess what: that second video has now *also* disappeared from YouTube, with the flowing explanation: “! Video Unavailable. This video is no longer available because the YouTube account associated with this video has

been terminated.” The video – and the corroborating translations – have vanished from the Internet.

Perhaps someone did not pay a required fee or subscription amount and that is why the video can no longer be accessed. So, unless someone out there took a screenshot of the video while it was posted and before it was removed, it is, as conspiracy theorists say, “like it never happened.” There is a parallel here with regard to the issue of the “natural born Citizen” requirement for presidential eligibility and Congressional Research Service “[products](#),” but that is another story.

Really? Seriously? When did that happen? Ummmm.... might an inquiry (or a subpoena...) to YouTube reveal when it happened? Who owned the YouTube account? Why was it terminated?

Recall as well that the Grassley-Johnson Memo confirms that Mr. Combetta created the “anomaly” email address August 20, 2012. On that date, the margin of error in the presidential polls ranged between 3% and 4%, with the “spread” between the two candidates (in most polls) being within that same range. Not exactly a “slam-dunk” for either one. It could be argued that the situation provided the perfect opportunity for implementation of an October Surprise such as hypothesized. Was such a plan ever concocted or implemented? Who knows? We may never know. But the potential for additional information in the form of email or text metadata could hold the answer.

Accordingly, here is a memo to ICIG Michael Atkinson and DOJIG Michael Horowitz, and with a copy to U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr: if there is metadata in any of the emails between and/or among HRC, Obama and Morsi in the days and weeks between Aug. 20, 2012 and Sept. 11, 2012 (or thereafter) which might be retrievable from the [carterheavyindustries@gmail.com](mailto:carterheavyindustries@gmail.com) account (or even the “[Bumblehive](#)” indicating that a “plan” such as hypothesized existed to guarantee the re-election of Barack Hussein Obama II in 2012, that metadata should be examined and analyzed closely.

*Very closely.*