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Why the belated release of some of the incriminating evidence? Not because it mysteriously turned up in offices previously searched. Certainly not because Hillary Clinton and her new hang-tough White House counsel want to respond fully to lawful subpoenas.

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Another reason for recent revelations is the imminent turning of former aides and partners of Hillary against her; they were willing to cover her lying when it advanced their careers, but are inclined to listen to their own lawyers when faced with perjury indictments.

Therefore, ask not "Why didn't she just come clean at the beginning?" She had good reasons to lie; she is in the longtime habit of lying; and she has never been called to account for lying herself or in suborning lying in her aides and friends.

No wonder the President is fearful of holding a prime-time press conference. Having been separately deposed by the independent counsel at least twice, the President and First Lady would be well advised to retain separate defense counsel.

## Washington Post Early Onset Clinton Fatigue

by Charles Krauthammer

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This she learned not from Watergate but from Whitewater. Her husband acquiesced to the appointment of a Whitewater special prosecutor. Hillary objected strenuously. Her fear was that once someone is empowered to search, the searcher can roam freely. In the Clintons' case, it led to impeachment because when the Lewinsky scandal broke, the special prosecutor added that to his portfolio.

Hillary was determined never to permit another open-ended investigation. Which is why she decided even before being confirmed as secretary of state that only she would control her e-mail.

Her pretense for keeping just a single private e-mail account was "convenience." She doesn't like to carry around two devices.

But two weeks ago she said <u>she now carries two phones</u> and a total of four devices. Moreover, it takes about a minute to create two accounts on one device. Ray LaHood, while transportation secretary, <u>did exactly that</u>.

Her answers are farcical. Everyone knows she kept the e-mail private for purposes of concealment and, above all, control. For other State Department employees, their e-mails belong to the government. The records officers decide to return to you what's personal. For Hillary Clinton, she decides.

The point of regulations is to ensure government transparency. The point of owning the server is to ensure opacity. Because she holds the e-mails, all document requests by Congress, by subpoena, by Freedom of Information Act inquiries have ultimately to go through her lawyers, who will stonewall until the end of time — or Election Day 2016, whichever comes first.

It's a smart political calculation. Taking a few weeks of heat now — it's only March 2015 — is far less risky than being blown up by some future e-mail discovery. Moreover, around April 1, the Clinton apologists will begin dismissing the whole story as "old news."

But even if nothing further is found, the damage is done. After all, what is Hillary running on? Her <u>experience and record</u>, say her supporters.

What record? She's had three major jobs. Secretary of state: Can you name a single achievement in four years? U.S. senator: Can you name a single achievement in eight years? First lady: her one achievement in eight years? Hillarycare, a shipwreck.

In reality, Hillary Clinton is running on two things: gender and name. Gender is not to be underestimated. It will make her the Democratic nominee. The name is equally valuable. It evokes the warm memory of the golden 1990s, a decade of peace and prosperity during our holiday from history.

Now breaking through, however, is a stark reminder of the underside of that Clinton decade: the chicanery, the sleaze, the dodging, the parsing, the wordplay. It's a dual legacy that Hillary Clinton cannot escape and that will be a permanent drag on her candidacy.

You can feel it. It's a recurrence of an old ailment. It was bound to set in, but not this soon. What you're feeling now is Early Onset Clinton Fatigue. The CDC is recommending elaborate precautions. Forget it. The only known cure is Elizabeth Warren.

#### **National Review**

#### The World Fails to Follow Hillary's Careful Script

by Jonah Goldberg

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The Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation unveiled a big foofaraw over Hillary's "No Ceilings" campaign. What a wonderfully convenient theme for Mrs. Clinton's massive and mysterious foundation, given that smashing the "highest glass ceiling" — i.e., the presidency — is the central rationale of her planned presidential bid. It was just a coincidence that the tax-exempt

foundation with her name on it happened to be rolling out a big light show on that very subject during the rollout of her presidential campaign.

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On Monday, Hillary had a "No Ceilings" event at the Clinton Foundation. After her opening remarks, the Associated Press reported, she declined to take any questions. "When she sat down to lead more informal conversations with invited speakers, participants appeared to be reading from teleprompters."

I'll give the AP reporters a pass on this odd locution, since they at least conveyed the truth to the reader. But for the record, a dialogue between people on a stage in which they read from teleprompters is not an "informal conversation" — it's a play.

The trouble for Clinton is that, despite all of her preparation, all of her coordination, the world is going off her script. And for a woman who thinks off-the-cuff speaking is switching from her prepared remarks to her prepared notecards, that's a scary place.

That is surely why she set up her own private Internet server. Four times at the U.N., Clinton said she had created her "home-brew" e-mail system simply for "convenience."

"I thought it would be easier to carry just one device for my work and for my personal e-mails instead of two," she said.

Never mind that it's much easier to set up two e-mail systems on one device than it is to set up a whole dark server hidden from the government. And leave aside that a woman who travels with a very large entourage on non-commercial flights could probably manage two devices.

I'm sure she's right. She set up the server for convenience — but not the convenience of sparing her the load of an additional four-ounce phone. When you want to hide what you're doing, a private server is definitely the way to go.

Hillary has only two comfort zones: deep in a bunker or high on a pedestal. Drag her out of the former or knock her off the latter and she's at sea.

In her very brief press conference Tuesday, she essentially admitted to the transgression she's been accused of for the past week. She admitted to deleting thousands of e-mails. She turned over the public e-mails she deemed safe to give to the public and kept the rest, saying they were private, anointing herself to be the sole arbiter.

"I fully complied with every rule that I was governed by," she said. And: "I have no doubt that we have done exactly what we should have done."

This hints at the attitude that binds her and her husband: the belief that they are governed solely by what they choose to be governed by and what they do is right because they have done it.

The problem for Hillary is she can't sell it. That's why she prefers everything to be scripted. For example, Mrs. Clinton needed to tell the public not to ever come looking for any more e-mail from

her, including the allegedly private ones she chose not to share. So she claimed they no longer exist.

"At the end, I chose not to keep my private, personal e-mails — e-mails about planning Chelsea's wedding or my mother's funeral arrangements, condolence notes to friends."

Clinton's vast marketing division has been toying with rolling her out as the "Grandmother in Chief." Well, here's a tip: Grandmothers save that kind of stuff.

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You do wonder at what point some major Democrat or respected left-leaning pundit says the obvious: It is not that Hillary Clinton should get competition; it is that she really shouldn't run. The "Oh, let's give her some competition" is a cop-out. What Democrat will be competitive if she remains in the race? What Democrat who has a real future wants to go up against the Clinton machine? She's effectively the incumbent, running for a third term. There is a reason few challengers will take on an incumbent.

In short, no one else really capable will get in as long as she is sucking up the money and oxygen. If she gets out, then watch talented and viable candidates pour into the field. The Dems have to collectively decide to throw their lot in with someone knowing everything they do (and knowing there is much they don't), or they need to collectively tell her to scram. I suspect the only one with the nerve and influence to do that is the president. So what's it going to be?

NY Post
Obama adviser behind leak of Hillary Clinton's email scandal by Edward Klein



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Six separate probes into Hillary's performance have been going on at the State Department. I'm told that the <u>e-mail scandal</u> was timed to come out just as Hillary was on the verge of formally announcing that she was running for president — and that there's more to come.

Members of Bill Clinton's camp say the former president suspects the White House is the source of the leak and is furious.

"My contacts and friends in newspapers and TV tell me that they've been contacted by the White House and offered all kinds of negative stories about us," one of Bill's friends quotes him as saying. "The Obamas are behind the e-mail story, and they're spreading rumors that I've been with women, that Hillary promoted people at the State Department who'd done favors for our foundation, that John Kerry had to clean up diplomatic messes Hillary left behind."

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After the Democrats took a shellacking in the midterms, the White House scheduled a meeting with Hillary Clinton. When she showed up in the Oval Office, she was greeted by three people — the president, Jarrett and Michelle Obama.

With his wife and Jarrett looking on, Obama made it clear that he intended to stay neutral in the presidential primary process — a clear signal that he wouldn't mind if someone challenged Hillary for the nomination.

"Obama and Valerie Jarrett will go to any lengths to prevent Hillary from becoming president," a source close to the White House told me. "They believe that Hillary, like her husband, is left of center, not a true-blue liberal."

If she gets into the White House, they believe she will compromise with the Republicans in Congress and undo Obama's legacy.

"With Obama's approval," this source continued, "Valerie has been holding secret meetings with Martin O'Malley [the former Democratic governor of Maryland] and [Massachusetts Sen.] Elizabeth Warren. She's promised O'Malley and Warren the full support of the White House if they will challenge Hillary for the presidential nomination."

Edward Klein's most recent book is "Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. the Obamas" (Regnery).

#### **NY Times**

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None of what you said made any sense. Keeping a single account mingling business and personal with your own server wasn't about "convenience." It was about expedience. You became judge and jury on what's relevant because you didn't want to leave digital fingerprints for others to retrace. You could have had Huma carry two devices if you really couldn't hoist an extra few ounces. You insisted on piggybacking on Bill's server, even though <a href="his aides were worried">his aides were worried</a> about hackers, because you were gaming the system for 2016. (Or even 2012.)

Suffused with paranoia and pre-emptive defensiveness, you shrugged off The One's high-minded call for the Most Transparent Administration in History.

It depends upon what the meaning of @ is.

The subtext of your news conference cut through the flimsy rationales like a dagger: "You can have the first woman president. You can get rid of those epically awful Republicans who have vandalized Congress, marginalized the president and jeopardized our Iran policy. You can get a more progressive American society. But, in return, you must accept our foibles and protect us."

You exploit our better angels and our desire for a finer country and our fear of the anarchists and haters in Congress.

Because you assume that if it's good for the Clintons, it's good for the world, you're always tangling up government policy with your own needs, desires, deceptions, marital bargains and gremlins.

Instead of raising us up by behaving like exemplary, sterling people, you bring us down to your own level, a place of blurred lines and fungible ethics and sleazy associates. Your family's foundation gobbles tens of millions from Saudi Arabia and other repressive regimes, whose unspoken message is: "We're going to give you money to go improve the world. Now leave us alone to go persecute women."

That's an uncomfortable echo of a Clintonian trade-off, which goes: "We're going to give you the first woman president who will improve the country. Now leave us alone to break any rules we please."

Bill, your pathology is more human and interesting. It's almost like you need to create messes to see if your extraordinary political gifts can get you out of them. It's a fatherless boy's "How Much Do You Love Me?" syndrome. Do you love me enough to let me get away with *this?* 

Hillary, your syndrome is less mortal, more regal, a matter of "What Is Hillary Owed?" Ronald Reagan seemed like an ancient king, as one aide put it, gliding across the landscape. You seem like an annoyed queen, radiating irritation at anyone who tries to hold you accountable. You're less rhetorically talented than Bill but more controlling, so it's harder for you to navigate out of tough spots.

No Drama Obama and his advisers are clearly appalled to be drawn into your shadowy shenanigans, just as Al Gore once was. Whatever else you say about this president, he has no shadows.

We hope this letter enriches your knowledge of our constitutional system and promotes mutual understanding and clarity as the campaign progresses.

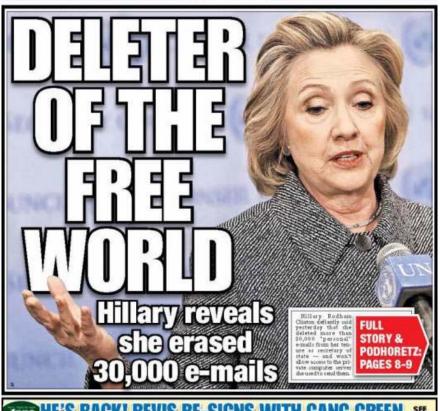
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