The Comey



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Clinton Circus Act



Photo: CNN.com

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EXCLUSIVE: Hillary's email firm was run from a loft apartment with its servers in the BATHROOM, raising new questions over security of sensitive messages she held.

This was the daunting headline for the Daily Mail

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3201367/Hillary-s-email-firm-run-loft-apartment-servers-BATHROOM-raising-new-questions-security-sensitive-messages-held.html

Some of the information Clinton had on the bathroom server was so sensitive that FBI agents needed upgraded clearances to see it, and it could only be discussed behind reinforced concrete walls in a room scanned twice a day for bugs.

http://townhall.com/columnists/kurtschlichter/2016/05/16/clintons-crimes-and-comeys-choice-n2163202

For many, FBI Director James Comey was known as a "straight arrow." Example:

Comey cannot be accused of being partisan. In 2007, after he had left his position as deputy attorney general under George W. Bush to work in the private sector, he agreed to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee about Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Comey's testimony ultimately led to the discovery that Gonzales

had improperly stored classified information, which in turn led to his resignation.

http://www.westernjournalism.com/wow-something-from-20-years-ago-is-a-major-clue-about-what-fbi-will-do-to-hillary/

Nonetheless Comey's golden boy image is irreparably shattered:

"Illustrating that FBI Director James Comey is a liar and a fraud, his agency helped convict a Navy reservist [Bryan H. Nishimura] last summer of the same crime that he just cleared Hillary Clinton of committing." – Tom Fitton Judicial Watch

http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/weekly-updates/clinton-email-case-update/

After listening to Comey's press conference - the opening act of the Comey - Clinton circus freak show, during which, according to national commentator Mark Levin, "He was white as a ghost and sweated like a pig," - during which Comey resorted to inverted, twisted, convoluted semantics in a desperate, but miserably failed, attempt to justify his irrational decision not to pursue a criminal case against Hillary Clinton, former **Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Victoria Toensing** exclaimed:

"I heard him use the words 'extremely careless.' To any lawyer, that's grossly negligent. I did not understand how he could get up there and say the words 'extremely careless' and not call that gross negligence."

Toensing went on to say, "If anything, 'extremely careless,' sounds even worse than gross negligence."

http://www.wnd.com/2016/07/ex-doj-official-its-a-very-sad-day-for-rule-of-law/#CpvZCTq5W5KDYvoR.99

Who remembers Martha Stewart?

Following a six-week trial in early 2004, Stewart was found guilty of conspiracy, obstruction and two counts of lying to federal investigators. However, the most serious criminal charge against her that launched the firestorm — securities fraud — was previously dismissed by the judge. https://people.com/martha-stewart-fraud-case-prison-sentence-look-back-8550277

While prosecuting Martha Stewart, Comey piously declared:

"This criminal case is about lying -- lying to the F.B.I., lying to the S.E.C., lying to investors."

http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/05/business/prosecuting-martha-stewart-overview-martha-stewart-indicted-us-obstruction.html?pagewanted=all

Hey Comey: What about Hillary Clinton??

Did Hillary Clinton lie to Congress about her email practices? Not part of the investigation.

Did she conceal and illegally remove federal records? Not part of the investigation. How did the classified material get on Clinton's system? Comey confessed his FBI didn't even investigate this basic question.

http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/07/07/fbi-chief-s-testimony-about-clinton-emails-torpedoes-bureau-s-reputation.html

What about Hillary Clinton's destruction of evidence?

Former United States Attorney Rudi Giuliani reacted to Comey's indifference to Hillary's destruction of evidence:

[W]e have 34,000 documents she destroyed. That alone is evidence of guilty knowledge.

http://www.foxbusiness.com/features/2016/07/05/giuliani-fbiscomey-putting-hillary-clinton-above-law.html

Comey wasn't interested in Clinton's destruction of evidence. But when the FBI was pursuing a case of much diminished significance against Petty Officer Kris Saucier, then Comey's FBI was obsessed with destruction of evidence:

Petty Officer Saucier was charged last year with one count of unlawful retention of national defense information and **one count of obstruction of justice** after prosecutors said the sailor used his cell phone to take snapshots in classified engine room on the USS Alexandria, a nuclear submarine where he worked as a mechanic at the time, then **attempted to destroy evidence** when he learned an investigation had been launched.

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/may/27/navy-sailor-set-plead-guilty-classified-photos/

Saucier's friends, conservative commentators and others say the stiff charges leveled against him don't measure up to the more lenient treatment given to Hillary Clinton.

"I just don't think it's fair," said Gene Pitcher, a retired Navy sailor who served with Saucier aboard the Alexandria. "In reality, what she [Hillary Clinton] did is so much worse than what Kris did. ... I think it's just a blatant double standard.

http://www.politico.com/story/2016/05/kristian-saucier-investigation-hillary-clinton-223646#ixzz4EANPZaZE

Did Hillary Clinton put national security at risk?

With lawful access to highly classified information, she acted with gross negligence in removing and causing it to be removed it from its proper place of custody, and she transmitted it and caused it to be transmitted to others not authorized to have it, in patent violation of her trust.

Director Comey even conceded that former Secretary Clinton was "extremely careless" and strongly suggested that her recklessness very likely led to communications (her own and those she corresponded with) being intercepted by foreign intelligence services.

http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/437479/fbi-rewrites-federal-law-let-hillary-hook

More on Comey's "investigation"

Then there was the compelling evidence of the former Secretary of State's quid pro quo influence peddling – favorable Department decisions and contracts linked to cash for contributions to the Clinton Foundation, which was essentially just a slush fund that subsidized the expresident and his wife's lavish lifestyle.

http://townhall.com/columnists/kurtschlichter/2016/05/16/clintons-crimes-and-comeys-choice-n2163202

And no word on the pay-for-play schemes with the Clinton Foundation and its donors.

http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/07/07/fbi-chief-s-testimony-about-clinton-emails-torpedoes-bureau-s-reputation.html

A trip down Memory Lane

Here are two more cases that illustrate the scope and depth of Comey's nonpareil chicanery.

John Deutch, the CIA director from May 1995 to December 1996, routinely stored and processed hundreds of files of highly classified material on unprotected home computers that he and family members also used to connect to the Internet. The Defense Department's inspector general found similar conduct during Deutch's prior service at the Pentagon.

The parallels between his case and Hillary Clinton's are daunting. Both Clinton and Deutch:

- Stored hundreds of classified documents on their unsecured home computers.
- Had information on those computers classified as top secret.
- Used computers considered vulnerable to hackers.

But there's a glaring difference: even though the government never claimed that Deutch deliberately intended to mishandle classified information, the Justice Department prepared criminal charges against him, but Comey's FBI has recommended no such action be taken against Hillary Clinton.

On his last day in office President Clinton pardoned Deutch sparing him prosecution.

http://www.wnd.com/2016/07/justice-department-prosecuted-4-cases-like-hillarys/#iPeR62zpgfUFpZjm.99

Stephen Jin-Woo Kim, was a senior analyst at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory nuclear research facility and a former State Department contractor.

In 2009 Stephen Kim met with James Rosen, a reporter from Fox News, to discuss how North Korea might respond to a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning North Korea for testing nuclear weapons. That meeting touched off a torrent of events that eventually sent Stephen Kim to prison.



https://newshour.s3.amazonaws.com/photos/2013/07/09/stephen10_video_embed.jpg

The Justice Department wanted to persecute Stephen Kim under the Espionage Act and send him to prison for fifteen years.

Dateline October 18, 2010

'Double standard' in White House leak inquiries?

Obama administration cracks down on mid-level leakers, despite high-level officials dishing far more sensitive secrets to Bob Woodward

John Bolton, the former undersecretary of state for disarmament, and a noted hard-liner on all matters North Korea, said the disclosures in the Rosen story about North Korean intentions were "neither particularly sensitive nor all that surprising." It involved the kind of information that could have been gleaned from reading stories in the South Korean press at the time, he noted.

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/39693850/ns/us_news-security/t/double-standard-white-house-leak-inquiries/#.V5EeaPkrLre

Attack on Fox Reporter James Rosen: The FBI claimed that Rosen broke the law "at the very least, either as an aider, abettor and/or co-conspirator."

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/05/20/justice-department-obtained-records-fox-news-journalist.html

Over the years marauding predators from the Justice Department persecuted and hounded Stephen Kim until his life savings was depleted, his sister's life savings was depleted and his parents were forced to sell their home to pay for lawyers.

In its campaign to look and act tough, the prosecutors have acted without heed to the cost levied on worthy professional lives and has made it dangerous to even be seen talking to a journalist.

- Abbe D. Lowell, attorney for Stephen Kim

https://sgp.fas.org/jud/kim/mwe082710.pdf

In 2013 after the government desperadoes dragged Stephen Kim into court the judge issued a draconian ruling.

Dateline August 6, 2013

US District Court Judge Suppresses Whistleblower Protections in Favor of Government Secrecy

In a devastating decision that significantly impinges on whistleblower protections, US District Court Judge

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly has ruled that, in Espionage Act cases, prosecutors do not have to prove that information revealed by a whistleblower is potentially damaging to the US or to "the advantage of a foreign nation."

A whistleblower's disclosure could be the fail-safe protecting America from government breakdowns, corruption or abuse of power. But if the government marks anything as 'secret,' a whistleblower is automatically a spy.

Tom Devine legal director Government Accountability
 Project

https://www.whistleblower.org/press/us-district-court-judgesuppresses-whistleblower-protections-favor-governmentsecrecy

The Government Accountability Project article also noted how Kotelly's Kafkaesque ruling "further solidifies the US government's position linking whistleblowers to the Espionage Act of 1917 and defies over 25 years of legal precedent going back to the *United States v. Morison*.

It is also noteworthy that for Seven Years Colleen Kollar Kotelly sat on the secret FISA Court.

https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/beltwayconfidential/462390/ex-fisa-court-judge-disputes-inspectorgeneral-report

Let's go back to the year 2010 when the government predators started attacking Stephen Kim. 2010 was also the

year that Washington Post ace reporter Bob Woodward published his book *Obama's Wars*.

The first 12 pages of Woodward's book present tantalizing details of a highly classified briefing that Mike McConnell, then-director of National Intelligence, gave to President-elect Barack Obama just two days after Obama won the November 2008 election.

The contents were so sensitive that the briefing took place inside a tiny, windowless and secure room known as a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility.

How can they credibly prosecute mid-level bureaucrats and junior military officers for leaking classified information to the press when so many high-level officials have dished far more sensitive secrets to Woodward?

Michael Isikoff

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/39693850/ns/us_news-security/t/double-standard-white-house-leak-inquiries/#.V5EeaPkrLre

Washington Post Reporter Bob Woodward



Photo: Wikipedia

Woodward and his sources were apparently untouchable and yet the government hoods were hell bent on destroying Stephen Kim for disclosing to Fox News reporter James Rosen information that was characterized as being readily obtainable from contemporaneous news accounts in the South Korean press.

After being crushed in legal debt Stephen Kim was forced to plead guilty to one count of espionage. He spent 10 months in prison.

Let's contrast the Stephen Kim case with **Sharon Scranage**, a secretary/stenographer for the CIA in Ghana, who **provided the names of eight CIA agents to her boyfriend, who it**

turns out was an intelligence officer for Ghana; afterwards the CIA operatives were swiftly rounded up and arrested.

https://www.nytimes.com/1985/07/13/us/officials-think-spying-led-to-death-of-cia-informant-in-ghana.html

In 1985 Scranage was sentenced to five years in prison. The sentence was reduced to two years and she was released after serving 8 months. Sarah Scranage, who put lives at risk, served eight months in prison, yet Stephen Kim, who put no lives at risk, spent ten months in prison.

Who remembers General Petraeus? He got a sweetheart deal that avoided prison time after it was demonstrated that he illegally retained top-secret information and then provided it to his mistress, and afterwards lied to the FBI.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/how-david-petraeus-avoided-felony-charges-and-possible-prison-time/2016/01/25/d77628dc-bfab-11e5-83d4-42e3bceea902 story.html

Hillary Clinton is let off the hook.

Gen. James "Hoss" Cartwright, once known as the president's "favorite general," was reportedly targeted as the source of information about the Stuxnet virus leaked to a New York Times writer. That investigation has dropped from sight, and Cartwright has so far faced no charges.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/nationalsecurity/justice-dept-targets-general-in-leak-

<u>probe/2013/06/27/9ad8bc4e-df7c-11e2-b2d4-ea6d8f477a01_story.html?tid=a_inl</u>

Let us not forget pants stuffer Sandy Berger.



Photo: Wikipedia

Over a period of 16 months Sandy Berger, Bill Clinton's National Security Adviser, went to the National Archives in Washington D.C. to review highly classified documents in preparation to being questioned by the 9/11 Commission. It is now known that on some of those occasions he absconded with top secret documents.

Some of the documents which Berger was provided access to were "code documents," so sensitive that only a very small number of U.S. Citizens had the security clearance to view them. On three of Berger's visits, he had access to documents

for which there were no copies or any inventory record. Other documents were identified by numbers but the individual pages were not numbered. It remains unknown just how many documents Berger pilfered and probably destroyed.

https://fas.org/irp/congress/2007 rpt/berger.pdf Page 3

One of the archivists who had a very high-level security clearance claims to have spotted Berger stuffing documents in his socks and pants.

After exiting the National Archives facility Berger stuffed purloined documents underneath a nearby construction trailer, returned to the Archives building, and later retrieved the stolen documents from the trailer.

https://fas.org/irp/congress/2007 rpt/berger.pdf Page 4

In 2005, as part of a sweetheart plea bargain deal which spared him going to prison, Berger admitted to removing five classified documents, shredding three of them with scissors, then lying to National Archive staffers when asked about them.

http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2016/07/hillary_clinton_n_sandy_berger_in_drag.html

In 2004, Comey while serving as a deputy attorney general in the Justice Department was involved in the investigation of Berger. He told reporters: "As a general matter, we take issues of classified information very seriously."

http://www.wnd.com/2016/07/comey-has-long-history-of-clinton-related-cases/

A key question was what motivated Berger to go such extremes to jeopardize national security. What could have been important enough for Berger, a high-end lawyer who could collect outrageous legal fees, to risk public humiliation, disbarment, and prison? Was Berger doing this just for himself, for Bill Clinton, or both?

If Comey investigated as to what prompted Berger the results were never made public.

As a part of his plea bargain deal, Berger agreed to submit to a polygraph test, that provision was never enforced.

http://humanevents.com/2007/03/08/polygraph-berger-department-of-justice-investigation-incomplete/

The conduct of the Justice Department while investigating Berger drew this criticism:

The **public statements** of the former **chief** of the Justice Department's <u>Public Integrity Section</u>, Noel Hillman, **were incomplete and misleading**. Because Berger had access to original documents [for which there were no copies and no inventory record] on May 30, 2002 and July 2003, there is no basis for the statement that "nothing was lost to the public or the process."

https://fas.org/irp/congress/2007 rpt/berger.pdf Page 5

So much for Comey's investigation of Sandy Berger, critical questions about what motivated Berger to make multiple visits to the National Archives over a time period of almost one and

a half years and smuggle highly sensitive documents, sometimes by shoving them inside his pants, were never addressed. Even though Berger was required to take a polygraph test he was given a pass.

- Was Sandy Berger grossly negligent when he stuffed highly sensitive documents inside his pants, smuggled them out of the National Archives headquarters and left them unattended underneath a trailer at a construction site?
- Was Sandy Berger grossly negligent when he took a pair of scissors and destroyed highly sensitive documents?

According to the "Public Integrity" section of the Justice Department the answer to both questions is a resounding "NO."

It seems the Justice Department was more inclined to make excuses for Berger's treacherous deceit rather than fully assess the damage Berger's malfeasance wrought. In the end the whole sordid affair was swept away with a sweetheart deal for Sandy Berger.

If you're a navy reservist like Bryan H. Nishimura or a Petty Officer like Kris Saucier whose crime is far less than what Sandy Berger and Hillary Clinton committed, the government will stuff you inside a prison cell: no sweetheart deal for the little people whose crimes pale in comparison to their masters.

But there's no double standard. That's because the hoodlums, crooks, thugs, thieves and gangsters that run Banana Republic USA have no standards.