

that way.”<sup>429</sup> When interviewed by the FBI, authors of the e-mails stated that they used their best judgment in drafting the messages and that it was common practice at State to carefully word e-mails on UNCLASSIFIED networks so as to avoid sensitive details or “talk around” [redacted] classified information.<sup>430,431,432,433</sup> [redacted] stated the information in the [redacted]

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[redacted] former [redacted] declined to comment on the e-mails.<sup>435</sup> [redacted] referenced news articles claiming e-mails on Clinton's server were over-classified, but after seeing the e-mails during the interview, stated he “now understood why people were concerned about this matter.”<sup>436</sup> Sullivan indicated he had no reason to believe any State employee ever intentionally mishandled classified information.<sup>437</sup>

(S//~~OC/NF~~) The FBI interviewed four USIC executives stationed both in the United States and overseas [redacted].<sup>438,439,440,441</sup> The USIC executives reviewed the [redacted] e-mail chains which transited Clinton's personal e-mail account and assessed that some of the e-mail chains should be considered classified.<sup>442,443,444</sup> [redacted]

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[redacted]<sup>440</sup> However, two of the USIC executives interviewed said some of the [redacted]

(S//~~OC/NF~~) A majority of the USIC executives interviewed expressed concerns with how State handled [redacted].<sup>449,450,451</sup> According to a USIC executive who had been stationed overseas [redacted], State employees were aware of the sensitivities [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On April 9, 2016, Mills, who served as Chief of Staff to Clinton at State between 2009 and 2013, was interviewed by the FBI. During this interview, Mills was provided seven e-mails which contained information later determined to be classified. While Mills did not specifically remember any of the e-mails, she stated that there was nothing in them that concerned her regarding their transmission on an unclassified e-mail system.<sup>455</sup> Mills also stated that she was not concerned about her decision to forward certain of these e-mails to Clinton.<sup>456</sup> In reviewing e-mails related to the SAP referenced above, Mills explained that some of the e-mails were designed to inform State officials of media reports concerning the subject matter and that the information in the e-mails merely confirmed what the public already knew.<sup>457</sup>

(U//~~FOUO~~) The FBI interviewed Sullivan on February 27, 2016. Sullivan, who between 2009 and 2013 served at State first as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and then as the Director of Policy Planning, communicated extensively with Clinton by e-mail. Their communications included both e-mails written by Sullivan and e-mails written by others that Sullivan forwarded to Clinton. During the interview, the FBI asked Sullivan to review approximately 14 e-mails Sullivan sent or received on unclassified systems that were later determined to contain classified information up to the TOP SECRET/SAP level. Sullivan did not specifically recall the e-mails, aside from recognizing some of them from the materials released pursuant to FOIA litigation, but