

e-mails have been identified as currently classified at the CONFIDENTIAL level through the State FOIA process.³⁴¹ Additionally, the FBI determined that 302 of the 940 e-mails identified in the [redacted]@gmail.com account were not found in the set of e-mails Clinton produced to State in December 2014.³⁴² Of the 302 e-mails, the FBI disseminated 18 to USG agencies for classification review. State determined one e-mail to be classified SECRET when sent and to be classified CONFIDENTIAL currently. State determined a second e-mail to be classified as CONFIDENTIAL when sent and to be currently UNCLASSIFIED.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In or around December 2014 or January 2015, Mills and Samuelson requested that [redacted] remove from their laptops all of the e-mails from the July and September 2014 exports.^{343,344,345} [redacted] used a program called BleachBit^{vv} to delete the e-mail-related files so they could not be recovered.^{346,347,348} [redacted] remotely connected to Mills's and Samuelson's laptops via ScreenConnect to complete the deletions.^{349,350,351} [redacted] stated to the FBI that an unknown Clinton staff member told him s/he did not want the .PST file after the export and wanted it removed from the PRN Server.³⁵² According to Mills, in December 2014, Clinton decided she no longer needed access to any of her e-mails older than 60 days.³⁵³ Therefore, Mills instructed [redacted] to modify the e-mail retention policy on Clinton's clintonemail.com e-mail account to reflect this change.³⁵⁴ However, according to [redacted] he did not make these changes to Clinton's clintonemail.com account until March 2015.³⁵⁵ Clinton told the FBI that, after her staff completed her e-mail production to State in December 2014, she was asked what she wanted to do with her remaining personal e-mails, Clinton instructed her staff she no longer needed the e-mails.³⁵⁶ Clinton stated she never deleted, nor did she instruct anyone to delete, her e-mails to avoid complying with FOIA, State or FBI requests for information.³⁵⁷

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On March 2, 2015, *The New York Times* (NYT) published an article titled, "Hillary Clinton Used Personal Email Account at State Dept., Possibly Breaking Rules."^{ww,358} This article identified publicly that Clinton exclusively used a personal e-mail account to conduct official State business while she was Secretary of State and had not produced her federal records to State until December 2014.³⁵⁹ On March 3, 2015, the United States House Select Committee on Benghazi provided a letter to Williams & Connolly requesting the preservation and production of all documents and media related to hdr22@clintonemail.com and hrc17@clintonemail.com.^{xx,360} The following day, the House Select Committee on Benghazi issued a subpoena to Clinton to produce e-mails from hdr22@clintonemail.com, hrc17@clintonemail.com, and other e-mail addresses used by Clinton, pursuant to the events surrounding the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi.³⁶¹

(U//~~FOUO~~) In the days following the publication of the NYT article, Mills requested that PRN conduct a complete inventory of all equipment related to the Pagliano Server.^{362,363} In response to this request, [redacted] traveled to the Equinix datacenter in Secaucus, New Jersey to conduct an onsite review of the equipment, while [redacted] also logged in to the server

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^{vv} (U) BleachBit is open source software that allows users to "shred" files, clear Internet history, delete system and temporary files and wipe free space on a hard drive. Free space is the area of the hard drive that can contain data that has been deleted. BleachBit's "shred files" function claims to securely erase files by overwriting data to make the data unrecoverable.

^{ww} (U) The same article was released on the NYT website on March 2, 2015. The print version appeared on page A1 the following day, March 3, 2015.

^{xx} (U) The House Select Committee on Benghazi submitted a preservation request for an accurate e-mail address, hdr22@clintonemail.com, and an inaccurate e-mail address, hrc17@clintonemail.com, for Clinton.