

tenure; however, Clinton's staff<sup>w</sup> declined the offer.<sup>163</sup> According to [redacted] State S/ES-IRM, Clinton was offered a State e-mail address, but instead decided to use the personal server from her 2008 presidential campaign.<sup>x,164</sup> Investigation identified the existence of two State-issued e-mail accounts associated with Clinton; however, these accounts were used on Clinton's behalf and not by Clinton herself. According to State, SMSGs@state.gov was used to send e-mail messages from the Secretary to all State employees.<sup>165,166</sup> This account was not configured to receive e-mails, and S/ES-IRM authored the messages sent from this account.<sup>167</sup> S/ES-IRM created SSHRC@state.gov to manage an Outlook calendar for Clinton, but this account was not configured to send or receive e-mails other than calendar invitations.<sup>168,169</sup> A May 25, 2016 report issued by the State Office of Inspector General (OIG)<sup>y</sup> stated that, during Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State, the State Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) required day-to-day operations at State be conducted using an authorized information system.<sup>170</sup> The OIG stated it found "no evidence" that Clinton sought approval to conduct State business via her personal e-mail account or private servers, despite her obligation to do so.<sup>171</sup> Clinton told the FBI that she did not explicitly request permission from State to use a private server or e-mail address.<sup>172</sup> According to the State OIG report, State employees alleged that John Bentel, then-Director of S/ES-IRM, discouraged employees from raising concerns about Clinton's use of personal e-mail.<sup>z,173</sup> When interviewed by the FBI, Bentel denied that State employees raised concerns about Clinton's e-mail to him, that he discouraged employees from discussing it, or that he was aware during Clinton's tenure that she was using a personal e-mail account or server to conduct official State business.<sup>174</sup>

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(U//~~FOUO~~) The FBI investigation determined some Clinton aides and senior-level State employees were aware Clinton used a personal e-mail address for State business during her tenure. Clinton told the FBI it was common knowledge at State that she had a private e-mail address because it was displayed to anyone with whom she exchanged e-mails.<sup>175</sup> However, some State employees interviewed by the FBI explained that e-mails from Clinton only contained the letter "H" in the sender field and did not display her e-mail address.<sup>176,177,178</sup> The majority of the State employees interviewed by the FBI who were in e-mail contact with Clinton indicated they had no knowledge of the private server in her Chappaqua residence.<sup>179,180,181,182,183,184</sup> Clinton's immediate aides, to include Mills, Abedin, Jacob Sullivan,<sup>aa</sup> and [redacted] told the FBI they were unaware of the existence of the private server until after Clinton's tenure at State or when it became public knowledge.<sup>185,186,187,188</sup>

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<sup>w</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) S/ES-IRM employees interviewed indicated they did not communicate directly with Clinton regarding this issue and could not specifically identify the members of Clinton's immediate staff with whom they spoke.

<sup>x</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) According to [redacted] part of his job at State was to maintain and support the infrastructure for the UNCLASSIFIED and SECRET networks for the Executive Secretariat.

<sup>y</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) Independent of the FBI's investigation, in April 2015, the State OIG initiated its own investigation and review of records management policies and practices regarding the use of non-State communications systems during the tenure of five Secretaries of State, including Clinton. Portions of the State OIG's May 25, 2016 report relevant to the FBI's investigation are cited herein.

<sup>z</sup> (U) According to the State OIG report, two State information management staff members approached the Director of the S/ES-IRM in 2010 with concerns they had about Clinton's use of a personal e-mail account and compliance with federal records requirements. According to one staff member, the Director stated that Clinton's personal system had been reviewed and approved by State legal staff. The Director allegedly told both staff members never to discuss Clinton's personal e-mail system again. OIG found no evidence that State legal staff reviewed or approved Clinton's personal e-mail system.

<sup>aa</sup> (U) Sullivan served as the Deputy Chief of Staff and later the Director of Policy and Planning during Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State.

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