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Justice Department Confirms Lost IRS Emails Are Stored On Backup Drives

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For weeks the IRS and Obama Administration told the American people a carefully crafted narrative regarding the whereabouts of emails containing information surrounding the targeting of specific groups and individuals based on their political party. The Obama administration vehemently denied that such targeting had taken place or that they had any involvement whatsoever. For their part, IRS heads testified that the thousands of emails belonging to director Lois Lerner, who headed the IRS Exempt Organizations Unit, simply disappeared when her hard drive was thrown away.

Most Americans simply couldn't believe it. How could an agency that deals with billions of pages worth of tax returns simply lose emails, especially from a department head? Moreover, how is it possible that these emails were not backed up somewhere?

In June we opined that there [must be secondary copies](#) of these emails, simply because the government keeps records of everything. Could you imagine what would happen to the IRS if their main email or data server was destroyed by some far off event, and all of the government's tax revenues for an entire year were lost? Of course not! It's simply not a reasonable scenario.

It turns out, [according to a new report](#), that the government does have backups.

The Department of Justice has confirmed it.

But there's a catch. DOJ attorneys and the IRS are now scrambling to offer up an excuse for why they shouldn't have to show them to the American public.

If you're not upset at government overreach and lack of transparency yet, then this should seal the deal.

The government says that the problem with accessing the emails is that it would be too "onerous" of a task. Yes, you read that right. They do not want to source the emails because it would be difficult and burdensome.

Or, is there a second possible explanation for their lack of motivation? Could it be that pulling the emails would result in handcuffs and stiff prison sentences for officials involved in the conspiracy at not only the IRS, but the Treasury Department, the Department of Justice, the Federal Elections Committee and even the White House?

The records exist. Now they need to be shown to the American public, and if there was any wrongdoing, people need to be sent to prison, up to and including the President of the United States.

The full report is posted below courtesy of Lily Dane and [The Daily Sheeple](#).

Lies Exposed: DOJ Admits "Missing" IRS Emails DO Exist

By Lily Dane ([The Daily Sheeple](#))

In a stunning turn of events, Department of Justice attorneys for the IRS admitted that Lois Lerner's emails DO exist on a backup server, but said they would be hard to find.

[Judicial Watch](#) President Tom Fitton broke the news today:

Department of Justice attorneys for the Internal Revenue Service told Judicial Watch on Friday that Lois Lerner's emails, indeed all government computer records, are backed up by the federal government in case of a government-wide catastrophe. The Obama administration attorneys said that this back-up system would be too onerous to search. The DOJ attorneys also acknowledged that the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) is investigating this back-up system.

We obviously disagree that disclosing the emails as required would be onerous, and plan to raise this new development with Judge Sullivan.

This is a jaw-dropping revelation. The Obama administration had been lying to the American people about Lois Lerner's missing emails. There are no "missing" Lois Lerner emails – nor missing emails of any of the other top IRS or other government officials whose emails seem to be disappearing at increasingly alarming rate. All the focus on missing hard drives has been a diversion. The Obama administration has known all along where the email records could be – but dishonestly withheld this information. You can bet we are going to ask the court for immediate assistance in cutting through this massive obstruction of justice.

Remember, back in June, IRS officials told Congress that the emails were lost and that the agency had gone to "great lengths" to try to retrieve them.

Conveniently, the [emails lost](#) were mainly ones to and from people outside the IRS, such as the White House, Treasury, Department of Justice, FEC, or Democrat offices.

The shocking information was provided to Judicial Watch by order of [U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan](#), who, back in July, ordered the IRS to provide a declaration explaining exactly how the agency managed to "lose" two years' worth of emails belonging to Lois Lerner.

Fitton spoke to Fox News about the revelation:

httpv://youtu.be/_OBdIQK2gRA

To see the set of sworn declarations from IRS officials, click [here](#).

Hey, remember when Obama told Bill O'Reilly that there's ["not even a smidgen of corruption"](#) in the IRS?

Those words are coming back to haunt him.

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