

March 17, 2015

Office of Information Programs and Services
A/GIS/IPS/RL
U. S. Department Of State
Washington, D.C. 20522- 8100

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

It has recently been disclosed that Hillary Clinton used a personally-owned Blackberry device exclusively to send and receive all official email correspondence during her tenure as Secretary of State. In addition to the transparency concerns raised by this practice, Secretary Clinton's use of a private device poses serious questions about the security of information exchanged on that device.

Therefore, under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request that copies of the following records be provided to me. If your office cannot fulfill any (or portions) of the requests below, please proceed with all requests able to be fulfilled by your office. Upon notification, I will amend or provide additional information pertaining to requests that cannot be fulfilled.

- Any and all documents or communications generated during Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State regarding the configuration, vetting, and/or encryption of Secretary Clinton's personal Blackberry and private email server, including such documents and communications generated by, but not limited to, the following entities: the State Department's IT Configuration Control Board; the Bureau of Information Resource Management; the Office of the Chief Information Officer; the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.
- Any and all documents or communications generated during Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State regarding an exemption from State Department information technology and security regulations or directives for Secretary Clinton's personal Blackberry device and/or her private email server.

In order to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am the Research Director and a Deputy Communications Director for the Republican National Committee, and this request is made as part of an information gathering activity and not for commercial use.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my or the Republican National Committee's commercial interest.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 202-863-8614. I look forward to receiving your prompt response within the twenty day statutory period. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raj Shah', written in a cursive style.

Raj Shah
Research Director and Deputy Communications Director
Republican National Committee