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I am copying Alina and Hannah on this response, hoping you or Gary could get a copy of the John Hackett declaration (from ECF, perhaps) to see what exactly it says about the NARA review. I could find a link to

The basic situation is that a review of 1,246 State-identified personal emails of HRC was undertaken by myself and another senior NARA staff member on April 24 and 28, 2015. This review was undertaken at State's request under our new authorities in 44 U.S.C. 3301(b).

On May 6th I sent a letter to State confirming their (State's) analysis of the personal records based on NARA's independent review of the 1,246 personal emails.

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Thanks, Paul

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Jay,
I mentioned this issue this morning ... the John Hackett declaration does mention our NARA review.

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Thanks, Paul

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Dear Ms. Grafeld:

At your request, per 44 U.S.C. 3301(b), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has undertaken and completed a detailed review of the email correspondence of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that the Department identified as personal materials not meeting the statutory definition of a Federal record. This review was conducted by myself and another senior NARA staff member on April 24 and 28, 2015, at your offices in Washington, DC.

NARA's review was completed according to a methodology approved by NARA's General Counsel on April 22, 2015 (Enclosed). Using these guidelines, NARA reviewed each of the 1,246 hard copy versions of emails sent or received by former Secretary Clinton that the Department identified as personal. The goal of this review was to validate that the Department correctly applied Federal statutes, regulations, and guidelines in identifying the personal correspondence of the former Secretary.

Based on our review, NARA concurs with the Department's determination that these 1,246 emails are personal in nature and do not meet the definition of a record as defined in the Federal Records Act, as amended (44 U.S.C. 3301).

We look forward to working with you on other pending issues related to the management and disposition of the former Secretary's email correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Wester, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

PAUL M. WESTER, JR.
Chief Records Officer
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Enclosure