

State Letter to FBI Director Comey, Sep 2015 (3).pdf
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR MANAGEMENT

WASHINGTON

SEP 14 2015

Dear Mr. Comey:

We understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has obtained the private server used by former Secretary Clinton to operate her personal email account along with one or more related thumb drives. While we do not want to interfere with the FBI's review, the Department of State has an interest in preserving its federal records and, therefore, requests the FBI's assistance.

On May 22, 2015, the Department requested from former Secretary Clinton's attorney, David Kendall, that he provide an electronic copy of the approximately 55,000 pages identified as potential federal records and produced on behalf of former Secretary Clinton to the Department of State on December 5, 2014. (See Enclosure A). On June 15, 2015, Mr. Kendall replied that, pursuant to my request, he would "copy onto a disc the electronic version of the e-mails previously produced in hard copy to the Department on December 5, 2014." (See Enclosure B). Before Mr. Kendall could provide that disc to the Department, however, we understand that the FBI obtained the relevant electronic media. Accordingly, we request from the FBI an electronic copy of the approximately 55,000 pages identified as potential federal records and produced on behalf of former Secretary Clinton to the Department of State on December 5, 2014. This request is in accordance with counsel we have received from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). (See Enclosure C).

Additionally, to the extent the FBI recovers any potential federal records that may have existed on the server at various points in time in the past, we request that you apprise the Department insofar as such records correspond with Secretary Clinton's tenure at the Department of State. Because of the Department's commitment to preserving its federal records, we also ask that any recoverable media and content be preserved by the FBI so that we can determine how best to proceed.

The Honorable

James B. Comey,
Director,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and look forward to coordinating with you.

Sincerely,



Patrick F. Kennedy

Enclosures:

As stated.

cc: James A. Baker, FBI/OGC
Gary Stern, NARA/OGC