

**UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON**

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Dear Mr. Kendall:

I am writing in reference to the following e-mail that is among the approximately 55,000 pages that were identified as potential federal records and produced on behalf of former Secretary Clinton to the Department of State on December 5, 2014: E-mail forwarded by Jacob Sullivan to Secretary Clinton on November 18, 2012 at 8:44 pm (Subject: Fw: FYI- Report of arrests – possible Benghazi connection).

Please be advised that today the above referenced e-mail, which previously was unclassified, has been classified as “Secret” pursuant to Section 1.7(d) of Executive Order 13526 in connection with a review and release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In order to safeguard and protect the classified information, I ask – consistent with my letter to you dated March 23, 2015 - that you, Secretary Clinton and others assisting her in responding to congressional and related inquiries coordinate in taking the steps set forth below. A copy of the document as redacted under the FOIA is attached to assist you in your search.

Electronic Records

- 1) Consistent with my March 23 letter, and to the extent the documents are stored electronically, please copy onto a digital video disc (DVD) or compact disc (CD) the approximately 55,000 pages. If available, the Department would ask that the documents be provided in native electronic format with the associated metadata. These steps are in accordance with counsel we have received from the National Archives and Records Administration.
- 2) Once the copy has been made place the disc(s) in a brown envelope, seal it, address it to Richard Visek, Deputy Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., and mark the word “SECRET” on the outside of that envelope. Once that is done, please notify us and we will pick up the envelope from your office.
- 3) **Once you have made the electronic copy of the documents for the Department, please locate any electronic copies of the above-referenced classified document in your possession. If you locate any electronic copies, please delete them. Additionally, once you have done that, please empty your “Deleted Items” folder.**

Non-Electronic Copies

- 1) Please locate any non-electronic copies of the classified document in your possession.
- 2) Place any copies of the document that you locate in a brown envelope, seal it, address it to Richard Visek, Deputy Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., and mark the word "SECRET" on the outside of that envelope. Once that is done, please notify us and we will pick up the envelope from your office.

Finally, please note that the classification of this document pursuant to Executive Order 13526, Section 1.7(d), does not in itself indicate that any person previously acted improperly with respect to the document or the information contained therein.

If you should have any questions regarding the steps set forth above, please contact Richard Visek in the Office of the Legal Adviser. In the meantime, I ask that you confirm receipt of this letter as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick F. Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Patrick F. Kennedy