

When the FBI first learned from your staff that your Committee was interested in looking at the background investigative files of Mr. Livingstone and Mr. Marceca, the files were reviewed to remove identifying information relating to third parties as well as third agency information. During this review, the information concerning the results of the interview with Mr. Nussbaum were identified. Because issues raised in Mr. Nussbaum's interview had been discussed in connection with the Committee's oversight investigation, it was determined that the Bureau had a responsibility to advise affected parties. Therefore, after arrangements were made for your staff to review the files, the Department of Justice, and then the White House, were advised of the results of this review. As you will recall, we followed this procedure of full disclosure when we first located the White House request for Barnaby Braeseux's previous reports, which the Director advised you of personally on June 5, 1996. In that instance, as in others, you were advised of the information well in advance of any notices being given to the White House.

The minority staff of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight have not asked for further details about the information in question. However, if they do so, the FBI will similarly advise them.

I hope this information is helpful to you. As the Director has advised you, the FBI wants to continue to cooperate fully with you in this matter. Please advise me if I can be of any other assistance.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD M. SHAPIRO,
General Counsel.

FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON Q AND A'S IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, MONDAY, JULY 1, 1996

Q from AP: Before we get too far along with our wonderful Romanian visit, I want to clear up just one thing hanging over Washington. Did you or to your knowledge, did Vince Foster have anything to do with the hiring of Craig Livingstone?

A from HRC: I don't know anything about it, I know I didn't.

Q from AP: Do you have any reason to believe that Vince Foster did?

A from HRC: I have no reason believe that.

Q from AP: Is there any connection between your mother and Craig Livingstone's mother. Which is something the FBI agent is claiming.

A from HRC: The "ex FBI Agent"? No there is no connection. I do believe, if I ever meet the woman I'm going to say "Mrs. Livingstone I presume."

FIRST LADY DISCUSSION WITH TRAVELING PRESS, HELSINKI, FINLAND, JULY 10, 1996

Q from ABC: I need to follow-up on one of Ron's questions. When did you first meet Craig Livingstone? When did you become aware that you knew him?

A from HRC: I don't have any idea. I don't recall meeting him for the first couple of years we were in the White House. I just don't know him. I have met him since then, but my best memory is sometime within the last year is the first time I ever put a face and a name together.

Q from AP: I really don't want to belabor this, but did I understand you on the Livingstone question, that you don't really have a memory of knowing him until this all happened?

A from HRC: Ron, I did not know his mother. I did not know him. I did not have anything to do with his being hired. And, I do not remember even meeting him until sometime in the last year. So, it does not mean I did not run into him. It does not mean that I did not shake his hand in a receiving line.

All that could have happened. But, in terms of any connection with this young man or any kind of relationship with him, there was none.

DEPOSITION OF WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, III, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT, JUNE 18, 1996

Q. Do you know if the First Lady was involved at all with the hiring of Craig Livingstone in your office?

A. I don't believe she was. I do not know one way or the other. I don't believe so.

Q. Do you recall ever saying to anyone that the First Lady wanted to have Craig Livingstone in the position at the Security Office at the White House?

A. Me ever saying that?

Q. Yes.

A. I never said that.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, JUNE 29, 1996

Gary Aldrich's account of a conversation with me about Craig Livingstone's suitability for the job of Director of Personnel Security is pure fiction. I never told Aldrich that Mrs. Clinton wanted Mr. Livingstone in that post. I have never had any discussion with Mrs. Clinton about Craig Livingstone. No one else ever told me that Mrs. Clinton had any interest whatsoever in Mr. Livingstone or his position.

SWORN TESTIMONY OF CRAIG LIVINGSTONE, SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, JUNE 28, 1996

Leahy: OK. I've also read in the press allegations that come from unspecified sources that your mother is a close friend of the first lady. Is she?

Livingstone: No, sir.

Leahy: And you have no idea who those sources are that tell these things?

Livingstone: No, sir. I've asked my mother and she, for the record, says that she has never met Mrs. Clinton.

SWORN TESTIMONY OF CRAIG LIVINGSTONE, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT, JUNE 26, 1996

Horn: Well, what I'm curious now is, Mr. Marceca and Mr. Livingstone, did Vice President Gore or Mrs. Clinton recommend you for the position you held, Mr. Livingstone, to your knowledge?

Livingstone: I have no knowledge of that.

Mica: Does anyone in your family have any relationship with the first family?

Livingstone: Absolutely not.

A PROPER AND APPROPRIATE DISCUSSION

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, what we have just heard is a chairman of a committee of jurisdiction tell this House that members of the administration or formerly members of the administration came before this Congress and told a lie. I think that is the business of this Congress. I think it is entirely appropriate to discuss on the House floor the fact that someone came before an investigative committee and lie to that committee. I think it is entirely appropriate for the chairman of that committee to take those actions that are available to him in order to ensure that those matters are brought before proper authorities.

What has happened here this evening is that we have had a chairman exercise his obligation to the American people and his obligation under the Constitution to, first of all, do oversight and then, if that oversight process is not properly adhered to, to ensure that the proper law enforcement officials focus on it. That is exactly what was done here tonight. It is absolutely proper.

EMBARRASSING ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KANJORSKI] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am very disappointed in the fact that my chairman came here and took the floor. I have had a great deal of respect and regard for the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER], and as the days and weeks move on toward the end of this session, watching the activities of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, I am getting more embarrassed every moment.

I say, and I am looking right at the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER], I was aware of what you were going to say today. . . .

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I demand that the gentleman's words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). The gentleman will be seated.

The gentleman asks that the words be taken down.

The Clerk will report the words.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Does the gentleman from Pennsylvania seek recognition?

Mr. KANJORSKI. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that the taking down of my words was with the intention that it was a personal attack, referring to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] . . . Certainly I am not attacking nor do I intend to attack him personally in that regard. The expressions were perhaps not precise in the use of the language and I would like to correct and get understood on the record what my intentions were.

That is, as an old lawyer myself and as a reader of the Constitution, I wanted to call the attention of the House and those people watching this proceeding that if the remarks made by my colleague from Pennsylvania were made outside of the House Chamber, he could be subject to tortious action.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I demand the gentleman's words be taken down again.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Pennsylvania have a unanimous-consent request?

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am making a request to withdraw my original words.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his unanimous-consent request.

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my words.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, is the gentleman apologizing for his statement?

Mr. KANJORSKI. No.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Then I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The Clerk will report the words.

The Clerk read as follows:

I was aware of what you were going to say today. You know full well the reason you came down here on the floor and said what you said is that you didn't have the nerve to go up in the Press Galley and make those charges because you would be subject to a lawsuit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will rule. In the opinion of the Chair, the remarks question the integrity of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] and constitute a personality in debate.

Without objection, the words are stricken from the RECORD.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania may proceed in order.

Mr. WALKER. I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from California is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the Chair whether this intervention at all will cause the matter that was before the Chair to be discontinued. In other words, we are not finished with this matter.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Other Members may speak with permission of the House.

Mr. RANGEL. And so this matter can be returned to, notwithstanding the unanimous-consent request?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. By other Members of the House.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I think it is clear to all of us that the committees of this House are agents of the House, and ultimately it is the House that determines whether such committees exist or not, and I think, as most of my colleagues know, when a witness comes before the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and any of its

subcommittees, one of which I Chair, each witness, unless it is a Member of Congress, takes the oath to tell the truth, nothing but the truth, the whole truth, and so forth. These witnesses were all under oath.

The chairman of the committee, when he recalled that the question was asked specifically of each of these witnesses as to whether or not either the First Lady or the Vice President of the United States had recommended Mr. Livingstone, every single one of the witnesses before us denied it.

Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of perjury that ought to be of concern to the House of Representatives. They did not say what one other series of witnesses said to a Senate committee, that, "Gee, I can't recollect; I just don't remember." They did not say that. They said no, none of that was true. We now find it was true.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from California may proceed.

There was no objection.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FILNER. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, let me clarify for everybody what is involved here. There is a retired FBI agent who has said that he talked to Bernie Nussbaum, the counsel to the President, when he was doing the file for Mr. Livingstone, and he claimed Mr. Nussbaum said that Livingstone was being hired because his mother was a friend of Hillary Clinton's. Bernie Nussbaum denies that. Hillary Clinton denies that.

Mr. Speaker, there is no verification by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] of the facts of it. Instead, he has come to the floor and made the assertion that when Mr. Nussbaum denied this and Mr. Kennedy denied this and said that they knew of no connection with Hillary Clinton that they committed perjury.

Mr. Speaker, how can you reach the conclusion that when they deny what they know and what they said makes them wrong and somebody else right, unless you are going to take the statement by this FBI agent as fact without any verification?

Mr. Speaker, I am inserting in the RECORD a clear statement from Mr. Nussbaum indicating he never said such a thing and it was not true.

STATEMENT OF BERNARD NUSSBAUM

I never told FBI Agent Sculimbene, or anyone else, that the First Lady recommended Craig Livingstone for his position in the White House or that the First Lady knew Livingstone's mother. I never knew or heard any such things. In fact, I understand that the First Lady and Livingstone's mother don't know each other. I am mystified and outraged that someone would attribute to me something I never said.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, before I yield to the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, I just want to say that there have been a lot of misstatements in the press, outside this Hall and inside this Hall, by the administration concerning the FBI files.

Mr. Speaker, I stand behind this chairman, and no one in this town or in this Nation would ever question the integrity and the straightforwardness of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER].

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DELAY. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I just want to make sure the record is straight, that I have not accused anybody of perjury or of false statement. I have said that there are serious discrepancies between testimony that was given before our committee and statements that were made to an FBI agent in pursuing the Craig Livingstone background file.

I did indicate, however, that these discrepancies should be explored. It is not the role of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight to determine which is right or which is wrong. I think it is the appropriate role of the independent counsel or of the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia to determine where the truth lies. I hope the gentleman will agree he made a misstatement that I was accusing somebody of perjury.

(Mr. WAXMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I do not in any way want to impugn the integrity of the gentleman from Pennsylvania for whom I have the greatest respect. He has indicated that there is a discrepancy. The discrepancy is that in the FBI files there was an FBI agent who claimed that he was told by Mr. Nussbaum that the reason Craig Livingstone got this job is because his mother was a friend of Hillary Clinton's.

I am putting in the RECORD a statement from Gloria Livingstone saying she does not know Hillary Clinton. The only time she ever met her was when she decorated a Christmas tree and Hillary Clinton came out and thanked everybody for their help.

Mr. Speaker, I have previously included in the RECORD an unequivocal denial by Mr. Nussbaum, who is willing to come before the committee and make this denial under oath.

Mr. Speaker, I think we ought to make clear that when the chairman comes and makes a statement like this, which is quite inflammatory, that it is not an uncontroverted statement by a man who does not know firsthand whether Mr. Nussbaum actually said

such a thing or Mrs. Clinton was a friend of Mr. Livingstone's mother.

JULY 25, 1996.

STATEMENT OF GLORIA LIVINGSTONE

I do not know Hillary Rodham Clinton, I have never met Mrs. Clinton, and I have never spoken with Mrs. Clinton. We are not, and never have been, personal friends.

I believe the only occasion I was in the same room as Mrs. Clinton was shortly before Christmas last year, when I had the privilege of helping to decorate the White House Christmas tree. At one point, Mrs. Clinton entered the room and thanked us as a group for our efforts.

(Mr. GEJDENSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I find a very frightening trend in this Chamber that there is an attempt to squelch free speech. It actually started in the very first days of the Congress, shutting down some of the institutions that represented various concerns in the country.

Now, we see on the floor when individuals try to express or respond to what was a very inflammatory statement apparently on the Republican side, that when the minority tries to respond parliamentary maneuvers are used to prevent them from speaking.

Frankly, through the years we gave far greater opportunity to the minority to express its statements than we have seen here. The attempt to operate this House ad hoc out of the Committee on Rules, to try to squelch honest debate and criticism, the first instance of course was the Speaker himself when the Speaker used to come to the well and absolutely devastate everyone else as soon as his name was mentioned. They stopped it. It is an outrage.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 2 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again let me extend my apologies for my abruptness to the gentleman from Wisconsin who was up at the same time seeking recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest to all of us here that although there is an intense interest in the issue we have been discussing, and there are certainly going to be many opportunities for this discussion to continue, both on and off the floor of this Chamber, that we do have the New York delegation who are here, and have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to express themselves in a special order about a fallen comrade. I do think that perhaps it might be in the best interest of the decorum of this body if perhaps we could move this debate to another time, another venue, or perhaps further work in the committee or on the floor at another time, and at this point cede the floor to those folks that are so concerned, so interested in doing their job.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we might, so that the New York delegation could get to its intended business, if we could dispose of this matter the same way that we disposed of an incident several weeks ago involving the gentleman from Arizona and the gentleman from Wisconsin now speaking, when the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] suggested that it might be resolved by simply an expression of regret to the House by the Member in question that the incident occurred so that we can expunge the RECORD and return to the normal business of the House.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, again I think in the interest of decorum and the interest of consideration, one for another among our colleagues, I would like to personally ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KANJORSKI] be given time for a short statement, after which I would expect we should be able to move on, return to normalcy for all parties concerned and allow the New York delegation to move on with their work.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. KANJORSKI. I appreciate the majority leader's courtesy.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to apologize to my friend from Pennsylvania, if I have in any way caused you discomfort to attacking your integrity. I never intended to do that. I merely wanted to express that there was another forum that could have been used for this, and there would be other jeopardies involved if it had been used.

Having served in the House for 12 years now and having been here some 42 years ago with a good friend of mine, Bill Emerson, who we just saw die last week, it has always been my intention that we have comity in the House and civility, and I have to say that I see myself having gotten into this engagement with great disappointment because it does destroy the civility and the comity of the House, and I want my friends on the other side to know that I hope not to be a part of that, and any remarks that are taken that way, not only the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] but all my friends on the Republican side, I would hope that you would do me the kind courtesy of taking it as I truly intended it, not to attack the integrity of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER].

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, with that apology, which I found to be quite gracious, I move that Mr. KANJORSKI be permitted to proceed in order and I would give my best regards to the New

York delegation as I am confident we will soon be moving to them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the motion is agreed to.

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE NEED TO INCREASE AIRPORT SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in deference to the New York delegation and to the untimely death of our beloved Ham Fish, I will not take the entire 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say real quickly that there was a tragedy that occurred last week in New York going out of Kennedy airport. The TWA airplane that took off from Kennedy heading for Paris was blown up shortly after takeoff, and it is highly suspicious as to what was the cause. Some people right now believe it may have been the act of a terrorist. It is premature to say that but it certainly looks that way.

Toward that end, I have introduced legislation which I introduced after the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland a few years ago, which mandated that at every major airport in the United States, the 50 largest airports, that there would be sniffer dogs at the gates and where the luggage goes through to try to find out if plastic explosive or other explosive devices are going through. With the millions and millions of people that are traveling through the airports and through the air in the United States of America, it is imperative that they be as safe as is humanly possible.

The mechanical devices that have been tested have been found flawed. Sniffer dogs and other animals that can sniff out plastic explosives can save a lot of lives. We here in the Capitol today were using sniffer dogs because we had foreign dignitaries visiting, and we wanted to make sure they were protected and there were no explosive devices put in this Capitol.

They do work. They are effective. There are some down sides to them. It is expensive. You have to have a lot of dogs. But in this climate of terrorism in this world and in the United States of America, I think it is imperative that this legislation be passed as quickly as possible. I urge my colleagues to look at this bill seriously and cosponsor it if they feel so inclined.