

Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Zapotosky, Matt; Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: RE: more on Clinton meeting?

Will give you a call now.

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From: Zapotosky, Matt [mailto:matt.zapotosky@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Newman, Melanie (OPA); Lewis, Kevin S. (OPA)
Subject: more on Clinton meeting?

Hey Melanie and Kevin—

Any chance one of you could give me a call for another, hopefully quick, conversation on this AG-Clinton meeting? My editors are still pretty interested in it, and I'm hoping I can put it to rest by answering just a few more questions about how the meeting came about – who approached who, and how did they realize they were in the same place?

Many thanks,

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Newman, Melanie (OPA)

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:38 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Subject: Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

Really appreciate it. Thanks.

On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:37 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com> wrote:

I updated the last graph to take that out, reflect that you willingly provided transcripts and added a bit about career prosecutors. Thanks for reaching out -- next time I'll get at you directly. Again, just figured since Kevin was with her and operating three hours earlier than us he'd be better in this case.

From: Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 11:29:10 PM
To: Zapotosky, Matt
Subject: Re: Who did you email for comment for this story? And why not reach out to me?

All the video out there is edited for TV, which is why I've been sending the transcript. I would have also been happy to discuss by phone earlier. (b) (6)

It would be much appreciated if you removed the "spox did not return calls for comment".

> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:25 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com> wrote:
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> Oh sure send along. I just figured he'd be better since he was with her (and on west coast time). I did say in graph 2 she acknowledged publicly and quoted her (there's all sorts of presser video out there).
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:23 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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>> He is with her but he is staffing her, which means he's not always available. You could have called me before reporting a no comment. I have been sending everyone the full transcript from yesterday and today's press conferences, where she addressed this. No additional comment needed when you have her on the record. Happy to forward along.
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>>> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:21 PM, Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com> wrote:
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>>> Kevin. Isn't he with her? Do you have a comment? I can update.
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>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>> On Jun 29, 2016, at 11:20 PM, Newman, Melanie (OPA) <Melanie.Newman@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Attorney general meets with former president Clinton amid politically charged investigation into his wife's email - The Washington Post <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/06/29/attorney-general-meets-with-former-president-clinton-amid-politically-charged-investigation-into-his-wifes-email/?utm_term=.293dbc4a2876> from Matt Zapotosky's Tweet <<https://twitter.com/mattzan/status/748344912182153716?refsrc=email&c=11>>