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This is what I believe to be
the press packet as it were or
7/25/96. With the exception of the
Gloria Livingstone statement (red fly),
everything in this packet is contained somewhere
w/in the production. -- ~~None of it~~ Some
is more than one place.

STATEMENT

Mark Fabiani
Special Associate Counsel to the President

July 25, 1996

Today Representative William Clinger, hiding behind the legal fig leaf of the Speech or Debate Clause, took the extraordinary step of divulging on the House floor highly confidential and completely false information from an FBI background investigation.

Congressman Clinger has failed utterly to prove that the White House ever improperly released any private information from FBI files. Thus, today's astonishing speech by Mr. Clinger represents the first and only disclosure of confidential FBI background information during this entire matter.

What is worse, Congressman Clinger divulged confidential information that is clearly false and that originates from a questionable source. Bernard Nussbaum has said that the alleged conversation between Mr. Nussbaum and FBI Agent Dennis Sculimbrene never took place. Mrs. Livingstone has said that she does not know the First Lady and has never even met or spoken with Mrs. Clinton. And the First Lady has said that she does not know Mrs. Livingstone.

In addition, Mr. Clinger surely knows that, according to a published report, an FBI agent informed his superiors that Agent Sculimbrene harbored "very bitter political feelings against the White House." This same FBI agent also charged Agent Sculimbrene with "irrational" behavior. (Washington Post, June 28, 1996.) Yet other published reports indicate that Agent Sculimbrene is involved in a continuing dispute with the FBI regarding his work assignments. And, in recent weeks another FBI agent who had been assigned to the White House and worked with Agent Sculimbrene published a book containing wild rumors and rank innuendo; that book was thoroughly and completely discredited.

Nonetheless, Representative Clinger took to the House floor and divulged false information from a confidential FBI report in a desperate attempt to grab attention for his faltering "investigation." Mr. Clinger's speech today will be seen by most Americans as a reckless, partisan act.

FACT SHEET

Sculimbrene's allegations have been disputed by all parties:

- **Mrs. Livingstone states:** "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." [Statement of Mrs. Gloria Livingstone, 7/25/96]
- **Mr. Nussbaum states:** "I never told FBI Agent Sculimbrene, 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." [Statement of Mr. Bernard Nussbaum, 7/25/96]
- **Mrs. Clinton has stated:** "I did not know his mother. I did not know him. I did not have anything to do with his being hired." [First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's statement in Helsinki, Finland on 7/10/96]
- **Mr. Bill Kennedy has stated:** "I have never had any discussion with Mrs. Clinton about Mr. Livingstone. No one else ever told me that Mrs. Clinton had any interest whatsoever in Mr. Livingstone or his position." [Statement of William H. Kennedy, 6/29/96]
- **Mr. Craig Livingstone has stated:** "I've asked my mother and she, for the record, says that she has never met Mrs. Clinton." [Livingstone testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/28/96]
- Dennis Sculimbrene has offered differing accounts of the story involving Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Livingstone:
 - "According to Mr. Sculimbrene, both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Livingstone told him that Mr. Livingstone's mother knew Mrs. Clinton, which seemed to explain his standing. However, Mr. Sculimbrene said he has no independent knowledge of whether the two women actually knew one another and suggested that Mr. Livingstone may have made it up in an attempt to inflate his status or protect his job." [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
 - Q: Now, you said Craig Livingstone had this job because who wanted him to have the job?

Sculimbrene: Mrs. Clinton is apparently a friend of Craig's mother.

Q: Mrs. Clinton is a friend of Craig's mother?

Sculimbrene: Yes. And that is why Bill Kennedy told me he was stuck with Craig.

Q: Let me ask you, though, do you have any--do you remember any conversations where you were told that Mr. Livingstone got that job because he was connected with Mrs. Clinton?

Sculimbrene: Yes. Kennedy told me that.

[Sculimbrene Interview before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/19/96]

- Sculimbrene's FBI interview report states that Mr. Bernard Nussbaum was the individual who informed him (Sculimbrene) that Mr. Livingstone received his job because of a pre-existing relationship between Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Clinton.
 - According to a news account, FBI agent David Bowie, who worked with Sculimbrene, wrote in an August, 1995 memo that Sculimbrene had "very bitter political feelings against the White House." Bowie further accused Sculimbrene of "irrational" behavior. [The Washington Post, 6/28/96]
- Sculimbrene is involved in an employment dispute with the FBI, alleging he was discriminated against because of his handicap. (Sculimbrene suffered a severe head injury after being hit by a propeller.) Sculimbrene has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying, "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
- In a news account, Sculimbrene stated the FBI was seeking retribution for his testimony in the Dale trial. (Sculimbrene testified on behalf of Billy Ray Dale at Dale's trial for embezzlement in November of 1995.) [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
 - Numerous issues regarding the propriety of the actions of other FBI agents assigned to the Clinton White House have arisen over the last few years. "...the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
 - "One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
 - Former FBI agent Gary Aldrich published a book on the Clinton White House which featured wild, unsubstantiated rumors. The book was widely criticized for making public raw FBI data. Aldrich "published his account without completing a required FBI review process." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 25, 1996

BY TELECOPY

Louis J. Freeh
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Director Freeh:

As you may know, Congressman Clinger today divulged, on the House floor, an interview report from a confidential FBI background investigation that has been declared to be false by the person who was interviewed. I am writing to you to ask how we can work together to ensure continued public confidence in the accuracy of FBI investigations.

According to Mr. Clinger's statement today, the background investigation file on Mr. Craig Livingstone includes a report by Agent Dennis Sculimbrene on a conversation he says he had with White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum concerning Mr. Livingstone's hiring. But, according to a statement issued by Mr. Nussbaum today, that conversation never took place.

This Administration and the American people have enormous confidence in the FBI, for good reason. And, the role that the agency plays in conducting background investigations and helping to ensure the suitability of appointees for their posts cannot be overstated. The President, you and the American people have a large stake indeed in the fairness and accuracy of this process.

That is why we are troubled, as we know you must be, by the implication that an FBI background investigation might include a false report. This matter is especially worrisome coming as it does on the heels of published reports of the conviction of one of the agents who did background checks at the White House on charges of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

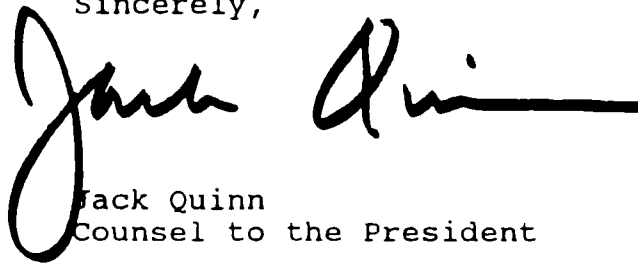
It is equally troubling that a Member of Congress can publicly reveal confidential FBI information, whether for partisan purposes or otherwise. It should not escape notice that this is done at a time when Members of Congress have expressed worry that employees of the executive branch might have sought out confidential FBI information about certain individuals and

planned to somehow use it publicly. While that charge has never been established against anyone in the executive branch, we now witness the same objectionable behavior by the very people who professed to be the guardians of privacy.

It is important that we take steps to ensure continuing confidence in the confidentiality and the integrity of the FBI clearance process. I look forward to your suggestions as to how we can work with you to that end.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack Quinn
Counsel to the President

Attachment

July 25, 1996

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STATEMENT OF BERNARD NUSSBAUM

I never told FBI Agent Sculimbrene, 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.

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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.

July 25, 1996

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 on 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 to 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: Gee, 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.

Statement of William H. Kennedy

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.

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DEPOSITION OF
WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, III

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Tuesday, June 18, 1996

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Washington, D.C.

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The deposition in the above matter was held in Room 2203,
Rayburn House Office Building, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

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1 THEREUPON,

2 WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, III,

3 a witness, was called for examination by counsel, and after
4 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
5 follows:

6 EXAMINATION BY MS. COMSTOCK:

7 Q Mr. Kennedy, you joined the White House Counsel's
8 Office in March of '93; is that correct?

9 A No, that's not correct. February of '93.

10 Q Okay. Was it late February?

11 A Nope. First week of February.

12 Q Okay. And do you know who was involved in your
13 hiring?

14 A With specificity, no.

15 Q Did the First Lady have any involvement in your
16 hiring?

17 A She did.

18 Q Do you know if the First Lady was involved in hiring
19 Mr. Nussbaum at all?

20 A I can't answer that.

21 Q Do you know if the First Lady was involved in hiring
22 Mr. Foster at all?

23 A I presume she was. I don't know that directly.

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



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

3 Q Do you recall ever saying to anyone that the First
4 Lady wanted to have Craig Livingston in the position at the
5 Security Office at the White House?

6 A Me ever saying that?

7 Q Yes.

8 A I never said that.

9 Q Do you recall when you got your security clearance
10 when you were at the White House?

11 A Huh-uh. No.

12 Q Do you know who adjudicated your file?

13 A I do not.

14 Q Do you know if there were any tax problems that came
15 to anyone's attention in your file when you first came to the
16 White House in 1993?

17 A I decline to talk about my file. I've never seen
18 it. I don't know what's in it.

19 Q Did there come a time when you had some nanny tax
20 problems?

21 A There were allegations of those problems, yes.

22 Q And had you informed anyone in the counsel's office
23 about those tax problems?

24 A I did.

25 Q And who did you inform?

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JUNE 28, 1996 SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TRANSCRIPT

WITNESSES: LIVINGSTONE, WETZL

LEAHY: Someone who's going to go into this administration?

LIVINGSTONE: Right. But I wanted to explain it rather than just say only within pursuance of my duties so you'd understand an example.

LEAHY: I understand. So in other words, if the administration -- as it has -- has appointed people from past administrations...

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, sir.

LEAHY: ... then they would ask for the file.

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, sir.

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.

LEAHY: Well, we have -- the other night I was at an event here on the Hill, and one of the key chairman here was not there at the moment, and there was also a fire going on down at the Treasury building. We assumed that he was immediately calling a hearing to disclose how Mrs. Clinton started the fire at the Treasury building. We seem to have these allegations go out immediately.

LIVINGSTONE: I have no knowledge of that.

(LAUGHTER)

LEAHY: You had nothing to do with the fire. I mean, we might as well -- because by about tomorrow, there'll probably be an article in the press saying that the suggestion and the statement was left unanswered whether Mr. Livingstone started the fire at the Treasury

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JUNE 26, 1996 CLINGER COMMITTEE TRANSCRIPT -- ~~PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT~~
KENNEDY, LIVINGSTONE, MARCECA, NUSSBAUM, WETZL

NUSSBAUM: I worked with Mrs. Clinton on the impeachment inquiry.
And I...

HORN: Right.

NUSSBAUM: And I don't think we were close personal friends with
her or the president, but I did know them over the years, yes.

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.

HORN: You have no knowledge of that. Mr. Marceca?

Do you have any awareness of either Mrs. Clinton...

MARCECA: I highly doubt it.

HORN: ...Vice President Gore. OK, how about Mr. Carville, did
he recommend either one of you for a position? Did you get to know
him, Mr. Livingstone, in the campaign?

LIVINGSTONE: I don't believe Mr. Carville at that time knew who
I was.

HORN: OK. How about you, Mr. Marceca?

MARCECA: I don't believe he had any involvement in my getting
the detail at all.

HORN: OK, let me put to each one of you, have you been offered a
position in the public or private sector by anyone in the White House
who's either an agent, a friend, or a relative of the president, the
vice president or any member of the Executive Branch to say as little
as you possibly can in this hearing or related hearings? Has anyone
offered you that position in the private sector or the public sector
if, in brief, you keep quiet?

LIVINGSTONE: At the inaugural, I...

MICA: Security, OK, for the inaugural committee.

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, sir.

MICA: And did you feel to did a pretty good job?

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, I do. I got a very nice letter from the director of the Secret Service and a plaque from the Secret Service.

MICA: Was the first lady or the president aware of your service?

LIVINGSTONE: I don't have any knowledge to that effect.

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

LIVINGSTONE: Absolutely not.

MICA: Did you report to Mr. Kennedy on the first day when you came into the White House? When you said he hired you? Who did you report to and talk to...

LIVINGSTONE: I believe I testified earlier that I worked on advance prior to going on the payroll.

MICA: I know but the first day at the White House who did you report to? Went you went on the payroll, who's the first one you talked to?

LIVINGSTONE: I believe Miss Cheryl Mills, counsel's office.

MICA: Were you aware at any time of problems in the White House relating to security because you immediately got into the security business, were you aware of any leaks or problems with security at the White House?

LIVINGSTONE: Well, as I testified earlier, my job, sir, as I understood it, was largely administrative at the White House.

Ex-FBI Agent: First Lady Wanted Livingstone on Staff

'It's a Done Deal,' Counsel Allegedly Said

By George Landner Jr.
and Pierre Thomas
The Washington Post Staff Writers

A former FBI agent assigned to the White House says he was told that Craig Livingstone was named head of personnel security despite a questionable background because "Hillary wants him."

Writing in a new book, "Unlimited Access—An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," the agent, Gary Aldrich, said then-associate White House counsel William H. Kennedy III told him in early 1993 that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton wanted Livingstone in the job.

Kennedy, Aldrich wrote, asked him what the FBI thought of Livingstone as a replacement for a longtime veteran and "in particular what the FBI would think if there were character issues in his background."

"I responded gingerly, saying it was a post that should be filled with someone squeaky clean, before Kennedy cut me off: 'I guess I see your

point, but it doesn't matter. It's a done deal. Hillary wants him.'"

The embattled Livingstone announced his resignation Wednesday at a House hearing after a drumfire of criticism over his office's improper collection of sensitive FBI background reports on hundreds of Republicans from past administrations. One of the biggest mysteries left at the hearing was the question of who had hired Livingstone, a longtime political advance man with no background in security issues.

Aldrich was assigned to the White House to conduct background investigations for five years until he retired in June 1995. Angry in tone and laced with undocumented allegations, his book was published by a conservative house, Regnery Publishing Co. It was immediately denounced by the White House.

"On its face, this is trash for right-wing cash," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. Regnery, he said, has published books by former Los

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Angeles police officer Stacey C. Roon and the National Rifle Association's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre Jr. Pubband said publication of the Aldrich book "is a political act with zero credibility."

Earlier this month, Aldrich wrote a short article for the Wall Street Journal's editorial page. It alleged that permanent White House employees suspected of disloyalty were in for "special" attention, "Hillary Clinton style"—such as new background investigations before they were due. An FBI agent he worked with, M. Dennis Sculmbrene, has alleged that White House political operatives prompted him for information contained in confidential FBI background files in an effort to root out career employees and replace them with Clinton supporters.

Those charges have led to an internal FBI investigation. The probe is focused on Aldrich's contentions that he told his supervisor, James Bourke, that the security system at the White House had been relaxed so those loyal to the Clintons could evade background checks. If Bourke was aware of such matters, the FBI inspectors will try to determine what, if anything, he did about them, sources

said. The inquiry is also directed at Sculmbrene's allegation that his FBI supervisors retaliated against him for testifying as a defense witness in the trial of fired White House travel chief Billy R. Dale. Dale was acquitted of embezzlement charges.

Sculmbrene has said he now reports to the FBI offices in Tysons Corner, where he has "no work, no assignments." In an August 1995 memo, David Bowie, another FBI agent who worked on the Dale case, told FBI higher-ups that Sculmbrene has "very bitter political feelings against the White House" and accused him of "irrational" behavior.

In his book, Aldrich said the new Clinton White House used temporary passes for many months to get around the need to provide the Secret Service with FBI background reports for permanent passes.

The White House counsel's office tightened security procedures in early 1994 after a review concluded that more than 100 employees were allowed to work for months without routine background investigations. White House officials acknowledged then that some White House staffers were found to have troublesome personal problems when the long-delayed investigations were finally completed.

Aldrich recounted meetings with Kennedy and with late White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster on the security problems, and said he told Foster the FBI had found character questions among staff members "at the highest levels" of the White House.

At one point, Aldrich wrote, he and Livingstone discussed the serious security problems, including staff members who should have been fired because of their backgrounds and the lack of cooperation from other White House staff members in even submitting to FBI interviews. Livingstone, wrote Aldrich, said Kennedy understood the problems but refused to deal with them.

The two men decided to go to higher-ups about the security problem, according to Aldrich. He wrote that he assumed they would discuss it with then-White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum. "Craig looked at me like I didn't have a brain. Nussbaum? It's not Nussbaum we gotta talk to. We'll be talking to Hillary."

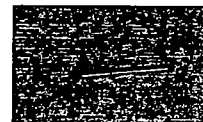
Livingstone never mentioned the meeting with Hillary Clinton again, and it never came off, Aldrich wrote.

Staff writers Susan Schmidt and Jim McGee and researcher Nathan Abou contributed to this report.

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HEADLINE: Aldrich Despised Clintons, Colleagues Say; Former FBI Agent at White House Was 'Cozy With Bush Staff'

BYLINE: Serge F. Kovaleski; Pierre Thomas, Washington Post Staff Writers

BODY:

To a number of his peers, was a competent FBI agent with strong conservative convictions who felt a kinship with the Bush administration and was openly disgusted when Bill Clinton captured the Oval Office.

"He was very cozy with most of the Bush staff," said an FBI agent who knows Aldrich and spoke on the condition of anonymity. There is "no doubt he has a phenomenal bias" against the Clintons.

"He was almost personally offended that the Clintons had won, and made no secret of that," the agent said. After Clinton was elected president, the agent said, Aldrich remarked, "I've never seen so many ponytailed, 50-year-old men in my life."

Aldrich, a 26-year veteran of the FBI, retired last year because, he has suggested, his experience in the Clinton White House soured him on the bureau. He had spent the last five years of his career as one of two FBI agents assigned to the White House, where he was responsible for conducting background investigations on White House personnel.

In his controversial new book, "Unlimited Access: an FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," Aldrich described his post as an elite assignment that afforded him the unique opportunity to look out the window and see "a king or a queen visiting the president."

But the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration. One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

Aldrich was assigned to full-time duty at the White House with agent Dennis Sculimbrene, who almost lost his life in a 1995 accident, and has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. Sculimbrene is involved in a legal dispute with the FBI over his work assignments. He alleges he is being discriminated against because of his disability.

The FBI response to the allegations raised in Aldrich's book was a terse, two-paragraph statement saying that Aldrich had published his account without completing a required bureau review process.

As a condition of FBI employment, all employees and former employees are required to submit for review any publications that "could have been based on knowledge gained as a result of their employment," the FBI release said. "The purpose of this review is to ensure the integrity of the investigative or other official information employees learn as part of their official duties."

Jay Stephens, Aldrich's lawyer and former Republican U.S. attorney for Washington, said yesterday that over the last six months he and his client had worked closely with the FBI to address any concerns the agency may have about the manuscript.

"We substantially met all their concerns except for a couple of very limited passages that have become moot as a result of the hearings into problems in security clearances at the White House," Stephens said.

However, a senior bureau official disputed Stephens's account, saying that substantial issues remained unresolved before the book's publication.

Some senior bureau officials yesterday appeared caught in the position of trying to respond to a book with some credible allegations and other claims they considered undocumented rumor.

"Are we outraged by this behavior?" asked one senior bureau official. "Of course we are." But the official said that the bureau hasn't decided what to do about the book and noted that Aldrich does have First Amendment rights.

Should it decide to take action against Aldrich for publishing before the review process was completed, the bureau's only option is to pursue civil litigation to control profits of the book, said one source.

Upon first receiving the book, the FBI forwarded it to its Office Professional Responsibility as a part of routine procedure. Thus far the bureau has not been able to secure documents to substantiate Aldrich's claims about security procedures at the White House, sources said.

Aldrich first surfaced publicly two weeks ago, just after the controversy erupted over the White House's improper receipt of hundreds of FBI files, when he published an op-ed piece assailing the Clinton administration in the Wall Street Journal. In it, he accused the White House of thwarting security and background checks. He made no mention of the upcoming book.

The book describes the early Clinton White House as being in complete disarray, rife with staff members who had once been drug abusers, suffering from lax security clearance procedures and targeting employees that it wanted fired to make room for individuals who were viewed as loyal to the Clintons. He also claimed that the FBI ignored repeated complaints that the Clinton administration was allowing staff members to go long periods of time without permanent White House passes.

FBI sources said they had not yet been able to find any record of the complaints Aldrich said he had lodged.

Staff writer Jim McGee contributed to this report.
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Former Top FBI Agent at White House Raises Questions About Security Office

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6/25/96

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — An FBI agent who was, until two months ago, the top FBI agent working in the White House, has raised new questions about the White House's personnel security office and its director, Craig Livingstone.

FBI agent Dennis Sculmbrene, who was recently transferred from the White House to FBI's Washington field office, has told investigators for the Senate Judiciary Committee that he raised complaints with his superiors about the chaotic management of the personnel security office two years ago and that he also had suggested that the office be run in a non-political manner. But Mr. Livingstone's hold on the job was secure because, the FBI agent said he was told, Mr. Livingstone's mother knew First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

A White House spokeswoman and a lawyer for Mr. Livingstone both deny that Mrs. Clinton knows Mr. Livingstone's mother. Mr. Sculmbrene doesn't know why he was transferred from his post at the White House. He is currently embroiled in a legal dispute with the Federal Bureau of Investigation over work assignments.

During an unsworn interview Wednesday with the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Sculmbrene alleged that Mr. Livingstone had some problems in his background and had said some untrue things to the FBI when he underwent an investigation for security clearance. He didn't tell investigators what the alleged problems in Mr. Livingstone's background or untrue statements were. Despite having no background in law enforcement, Mr. Livingstone was given the job and approved for security clearance.

Mr. Livingstone and an assistant improperly obtained FBI files on more than 400 people, including many Republicans. Congressional investigators and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr are trying to determine whether the two men made an innocent mistake or were seeking to dig up dirt on political opponents. In private interviews with congressional investigators, Messrs. Livingstone and the assistant, Anthony Marceca, have said that the files were requested accidentally and weren't misused.

Mr. Livingstone, who is on leave from the White House post, referred questions to his attorneys. Mr. Livingstone's lawyer, David Cohen, declined to discuss the background investigation of Mr. Livingstone. "Background investigations are private matters," he said.

Slow Clearance Process

Mr. Sculmbrene, who worked at the White House for a decade and has conducted numerous background probes of presidential appointees, described his experience with the Clinton administration in a two-hour interview with Senate investigators. The security office problems started early in the Clinton White House, Mr. Sculmbrene said. The clearance process was moving very slowly, and many people were walking around the complex without proper passes, he said. Mr. Sculmbrene and another FBI agent at the White House, Gary Aldrich, repeatedly complained to their superiors about problems, and at one point Mr. Sculmbrene said he suggested turning over the security office to a professional rather than a political appointee.

In 1993, he thought he had a good candidate, Jackie Dinwiddle, who worked in the security office during the Carter administration. However, when he brought the idea to then-deputy White House counsel William Kennedy—who has since resigned—he says Mr. Kennedy told him that he was stuck with Mr. Livingstone. Mr. Sculmbrene told investigators that Mr. Kennedy knew there were problems in Mr. Livingstone's own background investigation, and another person familiar with the matter confirms this. Mr. Kennedy and his lawyer didn't respond to requests for comment.

According to Mr. Sculmbrene, both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Livingstone told him that Mr. Livingstone's mother knew Mrs. Clinton, which seemed to explain his standing. However, Mr. Sculmbrene said he has no independent knowledge of whether the two women actually knew one another and suggested that Mr. Livingstone may have made it up in an attempt to inflate his status or protect his job. Another person who worked with Mr. Livingstone confirms that Mr. Livingstone boasted of ties between his mother and Mrs. Clinton.

'An Absolute Fabrication'

Mr. Cohen, Mr. Livingstone's lawyer, called this account "an absolute fabrication." White House officials said that Mr. Kennedy has denied telling Mr. Sculmbrene of any connection between Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Livingstone's mother, Jane Sherburne, White House special counsel, said Mrs. Clinton denies knowing Mrs. Livingstone.

Although Mr. Sculmbrene says his performance has been consistently rated as exceptional by the FBI, Senate investigators questioned him about events that could color his version of events. The FBI agent sustained a severe head injury two years ago that left him partly disabled, although he has returned to work. He is pursuing a discrimination complaint against the FBI, claiming he has been ordered to do work that contradicts his physician's recommendations. He said he is also under investigation for allegedly giving his son his government parking pass.

Mr. Sculmbrene also said he worries that he may be suffering retribution from superiors because he testified on behalf of former travel office director Billy Dale at Mr. Dale's embezzlement trial last year. Mr. Dale was acquitted. The firing of Mr. Dale and the rest of the travel office in 1993 led to a congressional inquiry and eventually to the disclosure that the White House had improperly obtained Mr. Dale's FBI file, along with more than 400 others.

Questions also were raised yesterday about whether Messrs. Livingstone and Marceca also collected confidential Internal Revenue Service data. According to a letter sent yesterday by Sen. Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, to FBI Director Louis Freeh, a box of documents removed from Mr. Livingstone's office by the FBI contained a folder full of papers bearing the IRS logo. Sen. Grassley asked the FBI director to describe what sort of documents are in the folder.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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INTERVIEW OF M. DENNIS SCULIMBRENE

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1 the head of the military office.

— 2 Mr. Larkin. I want to do one thing real quick. Can I
3 get a phone number where I can give you a call later?

4 Mr. Sculimbrene. 754-4265. That is my home number.

5 Mr. Larkin. And where do you live at?

6 Mr. Sculimbrene. 1521--

7 Mr. Larkin. Well, no.

8 Mr. Sculimbrene. 703.

9 Mr. Larkin. Area code is what I meant to say.

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13 of Craig's mother.

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16 told me he was stuck with Craig.

17 Mr. Larkin. What do you think his background and
18 expertise is to getting him in a high-profile job like that?

19 Mr. Sculimbrene. Craig's?

20 Mr. Larkin. Yes.

21 Mr. Sculimbrene. Now, mind you, I did his background
22 now. So I--

23 Mr. Larkin. I don't want to get into this. As a
24 matter of fact, I won't even ask it.

— 25 Mr. Yoo. Let me ask you, though, do you have any--do

1 you remember any conversations where you were told that Mr.
- 2 Livingstone got the job because he was connected with Mrs.
3 Clinton?

4 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. Kennedy told me that.

5 Mr. Yoo. Bill Kennedy told you that?

6 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes, because Kennedy asked me whether
7 we should keep him.

8 Mr. Yoo. Do you remember what was said? Do you
9 remember the exact words?

10 Mr. Sculimbrene. No. The exact words, no. The word
11 "stuck" stays--the word "stuck" sticks in my mind; that he
12 was stuck with him.

13 Mr. Yoo. Do you remember when you talked to him?

14 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. This was a month or two into
15 the administration when we were looking for somebody to take
16 over Jane Dannenhauer's job, and like I said, I had gone to
17 Bill Kennedy proposing Jackie Dinwiddie as a candidate, and
18 I thought why not.

19 Mr. Larkin. A Democrat.

20 Mr. Sculimbrene. Here is a Democrat who worked on the
21 campaign, worked on the transition, honest, you know,
22 trustworthy. The Bureau had worked with her in the past.
23 Perfect candidate, but do they pick her? No.

24 Mr. Larkin. You know, under what circumstances did
25 this occur, the conversation?

1 Mr. Sculimbrene. It could have possibly been during
2 the conversation when I went to Bill Kennedy to talk to him
3 about, you know, an employee or maybe during Bill Kennedy's
4 own background investigation when I went to interview him
5 about his own case, but I did have a number of interviews
6 with--you know, here is the standard practice up there.

7 You know, you go in and you do your job, and then, you
8 know, like everything else, well, what did you do this
9 weekend, you know, and we lapsed into personal, private
10 conversations, and that's what happened to--that is when
11 the subject of Jackie Dinwiddie came up. That is when I
12 interjected my belief that it would help the administration,
13 it would help the FBI to have an employee who had previous
14 experience there, and certainly she had the credentials for
15 the job, but I was told by Kennedy that he was stuck with
16 Livingstone and that was the end of it.

17 Mr. Yoo. How did he refer to Mrs. Clinton in your
18 conversation?

19 Mr. Sculimbrene. How did he refer to her?

20 Mr. Yoo. Yes.

21 Mr. Sculimbrene. Do you mean like what words did he
22 use? Whatever he said, I took it to mean the First Lady.

23 Mr. Yoo. Okay.

24 Mr. Sculimbrene. The First Lady or Hillary.

25 Mr. Yoo. When he said that Mrs. Clinton--that Craig

1 had to be--that he was stuck with Craig because of his
2 connection to the First Lady, do you remember the exact
3 words he might have used?

4 Mr. Sculimbrene. No. Like I said, the only word that
5 really sticks out in my mind is the word "stuck."

6 Now, mind you, whether it is true or not, I mean, I
7 don't know for a fact. I don't know whether for a fact that
8 Craig Livingstone's mother--for all I know, Craig
9 Livingstone may have told him that and he believed him.

10 Mr. Larkin. Your recollection is it had something to
11 do with Craig's mother?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. Mother, yes.

13 Mr. Larkin. Okay.

14 Mr. Hubbard. Now, when Mr. Kennedy made this
15 statement, did he use either the name "Hillary Clinton" or
16 "Hillary Rodham Clinton" or "the First Lady"? Did he
17 designate her or did you infer from what he said that he was
18 referring to Hillary?

19 Mr. Sculimbrene. Perhaps I inferred that he was
20 talking about the First Lady, but I think I was correct in
21 my inference.

22 Mr. Hubbard. And on what basis would you say that?

23 Mr. Sculimbrene. Well, why would he keep--why would he
24 keep this person here that I don't think he personally
25 liked? I don't think he thought he had the qualifications

1 He knew--he knew of his--he knew of the problems in his
- 2 background investigation. He asked me when I kind of
3 refused to answer the question whether he should be hired
4 there, and then when I tried to supply a new person, it
5 seemed to me like--here, I will lay it right on his lap.
6 Here is the perfect person to solve your problems, and the
7 answer to that is, well, I really can't do it because you
8 know who wants him there. Now, that is an inference. That
9 is an inference.

10 Mr. Larkin. Did Craig ever make any reference to the
11 fact of how he came there?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. Now, Craig did tell me that his
13 mother--

14 Mr. Larkin. Was what?

15 Mr. Sculimbrene. --knew Hillary Clinton.

16 Mr. Larkin. He said--

17 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes, he did tell me that, but Craig
18 told me several things that were not true.

19 Mr. Hubbard. Such as?

20 Mr. Yoo. Do you remember when he said that?

21 Mr. Sculimbrene. I don't--I am getting at the gray
22 area here now.

23 Ms. Owens. No, nq. You are fine there. If I lean
24 forward, it is because he had mentioned derogatory in
- 25 reference to Livingstone's file, and I am concerned

1 about--that reflects the results of an investigation when he
- 2 said that there was derogatory, and I would just assume--

3 Mr. Larkin. And we will, like, strike that, okay, for
4 the record.

5 Ms. Owens. That was the only area I had concern in,
6 and they have been very good about the leading things or
7 problematic.

8 Mr. Larkin. We are trying. We are trying.

9 Mr. Hubbard. Can I follow up on this?

10 Mr. Yoo. What day'did--do you remember when Mr.
11 Livingstone made that comment to you about her mother?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. This was during my several interviews
13 with him in the process of doing his background
14 investigation.

15 Mr. Hubbard. You said that he told you several things
16 that you now know to be untrue. Can you tell us what they
17 are?

18 Mr. Sculimbrene. Mr. Livingstone or Mr. Kennedy?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Mr. Livingstone.

20 Mr. Sculimbrene. Well, we are going to get into--

21 Ms. Owens. Are they in connection with the background
22 investigation when he was interviewed?

23 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes.

24 Mr. Larkin. We will pass

25 Mr. Yoo. Can I ask just one or two questions? We are

THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 25, 1994

Mr. Dennis M. Sculimbrene
15211 Haymarket Drive
Haymarket, Virginia

Dear Dennis:

Hillary and I were so sorry to learn
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STATEMENT

Mark Fabiani
Special Associate Counsel to the President

July 25, 1996

Today Representative William Clinger, hiding behind the legal fig leaf of the Speech or Debate Clause, took the extraordinary step of divulging on the House floor highly confidential and completely false information from an FBI background investigation.

Congressman Clinger has failed utterly to prove that the White House ever improperly released any private information from FBI files. Thus, today's astonishing speech by Mr. Clinger represents the first and only disclosure of confidential FBI background information during this entire matter.

What is worse, Congressman Clinger divulged confidential information that is clearly false and that originates from a questionable source. Bernard Nussbaum has said that the alleged conversation between Mr. Nussbaum and FBI Agent Dennis Sculimbrene never took place. Mrs. Livingstone has said that she does not know the First Lady and has never even met or spoken with Mrs. Clinton. And the First Lady has said that she does not know Mrs. Livingstone.

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In addition, Mr. Clinger surely knows that, according to a published report, an FBI agent informed his superiors that Agent Sculimbrene harbored "very bitter political feelings against the White House." This same FBI agent also charged Agent Sculimbrene with "irrational" behavior. (Washington Post, June 28, 1996.) Yet other published reports indicate that Agent Sculimbrene is involved in a continuing dispute with the FBI regarding his work assignments. And, in recent weeks another FBI agent who had been assigned to the White House and worked with Agent Sculimbrene published a book containing wild rumors and rank innuendo; that book was thoroughly and completely discredited.

Nonetheless, Representative Clinger took to the House floor and divulged false information from a confidential FBI report in a desperate attempt to grab attention for his faltering "investigation." Mr. Clinger's speech today will be seen by most Americans as a reckless, partisan act.

FACT SHEET

Sculimbrene's allegations have been disputed by all parties:

- Mrs. Livingstone states: "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." [Statement of Mrs. Gloria Livingstone, 7/25/96]
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- Mrs. Clinton has stated: "I did not know his mother. I did not know him. I did not have anything to do with his being hired." [First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's statement in Helsinki, Finland on 7/10/96]
- Mr. Bill Kennedy has stated: "I have never had any discussion with Mrs. Clinton about Mr. Livingstone. No one else ever told me that Mrs. Clinton had any interest whatsoever in Mr. Livingstone or his position." [Statement of William H. Kennedy, 6/29/96]
- Mr. Craig Livingstone has stated: "I've asked my mother and she, for the record, says that she has never met Mrs. Clinton." [Livingstone testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/28/96]
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- According to a news account, FBI agent David Bowie, who worked with Sculimbrene, wrote in an August, 1995 memo that Sculimbrene had "very bitter political feelings against the White House." Bowie further accused Sculimbrene of "irrational" behavior. [The Washington Post, 6/28/96]

Sculimbrene is involved in an employment dispute with the FBI, alleging he was discriminated against because of his handicap. (Sculimbrene suffered a severe head injury after being hit by a propeller.) Sculimbrene has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying, "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

- In a news account, Sculimbrene stated the FBI was seeking retribution for his testimony in the Dale trial. (Sculimbrene testified on behalf of Billy Ray Dale at Dale's trial for embezzlement in November of 1995.) [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
- Numerous issues regarding the propriety of the actions of other FBI agents assigned to the Clinton White House have arisen over the last few years. "...the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

- "One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

- Former FBI agent Gary Aldrich published a book on the Clinton White House which featured wild, unsubstantiated rumors. The book was widely criticized for making public raw FBI data. Aldrich "published his account without completing a required FBI review process." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 25, 1996

BY TELECOPY

Louis J. Freeh
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Director Freeh:

As you may know, Congressman Clinger today divulged, on the House floor, an interview report from a confidential FBI background investigation that has been declared to be false by the person who was interviewed. I am writing to you to ask how we can work together to ensure continued public confidence in the accuracy of FBI investigations.

According to Mr. Clinger's statement today, the background investigation file on Mr. Craig Livingstone includes a report by Agent Dennis Sculimbrene on a conversation he says he had with White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum concerning Mr. Livingstone's hiring. But, according to a statement issued by Mr. Nussbaum today, that conversation never took place.

This Administration and the American people have enormous confidence in the FBI, for good reason. And, the role that the agency plays in conducting background investigations and helping to ensure the suitability of appointees for their posts cannot be overstated. The President, you and the American people have a large stake indeed in the fairness and accuracy of this process.

That is why we are troubled, as we know you must be, by the implication that an FBI background investigation might include a false report. This matter is especially worrisome coming as it does on the heels of published reports of the conviction of one of the agents who did background checks at the White House on charges of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

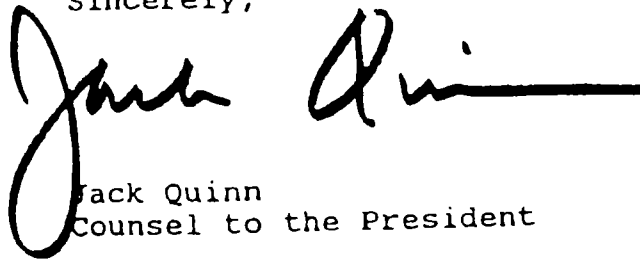
It is equally troubling that a Member of Congress can publicly reveal confidential FBI information, whether for partisan purposes or otherwise. It should not escape notice that this is done at a time when Members of Congress have expressed worry that employees of the executive branch might have sought

planned to somehow use it publicly. While that charge has never been established against anyone in the executive branch, we now witness the same objectionable behavior by the very people who professed to be the guardians of privacy.

It is important that we take steps to ensure continuing confidence in the confidentiality and the integrity of the FBI clearance process. I look forward to your suggestions as to how we can work with you to that end.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jack Quinn
Counsel to the President

Attachment

July 25, 1996

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STATEMENT OF BERNARD NUSSBAUM

I never told FBI Agent Sculimbrene, 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.

Statement of William H. Kennedy

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.

June 29, 1996

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The deposition in the above matter was held in Room 2203,

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Rayburn House Office Building, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

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DEPOSITION OF
WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, III

1 THEREUPON,

2 WILLIAM H. KENNEDY, III,

3 a witness, was called for examination by counsel, and after
4 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
5 follows:

6 EXAMINATION BY MS. COMSTOCK:

7 Q Mr. Kennedy, you joined the White House Counsel's
8 Office in March of '93; is that correct?

9 A No, that's not correct. February of '93.

10 Q Okay. Was it late February?

11 A Nope. First week of February.

12 Q Okay. And do you know who was involved in your
13 hiring?

14 A With specificity, no.

15 Q Did the First Lady have any involvement in your
16 hiring?

17 A She did.

18 Q Do you know if the First Lady was involved in hiring
19 Mr. Nussbaum at all?

20 A I can't answer that.

21 Q Do you know if the First Lady was involved in hiring
22 Mr. Foster at all?

23 A I presume she was. I don't know that directly.

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

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

3 Q Do you recall ever saying to anyone that the First
4 Lady wanted to have Craig Livingston in the position at the
5 Security Office at the White House?

6 A Me ever saying that?

7 Q Yes.

8 A I never said that.

9 Q Do you recall when you got your security clearance
10 when you were at the White House?

11 A Huh-uh. No.

12 Q Do you know who adjudicated your file?

13 A I do not.

14 Q Do you know if there were any tax problems that came
15 to anyone's attention in your file when you first came to the
16 White House in 1993?

17 A I decline to talk about my file. I've never seen
18 it. I don't know what's in it.

19 Q Did there come a time when you had some nanny tax
20 problems?

21 A There were allegations of those problems, yes.

22 Q And had you informed anyone in the counsel's office
23 about those tax problems?

24 A I did.

25 Q And who did you inform?

NUSSBAUM: I worked with Mrs. Clinton on the impeachment inquiry.
And I...

HORN: Right.

NUSSBAUM: And I don't think we were close personal friends with
her or the president, but I did know them over the years, yes.

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.

HORN: You have no knowledge of that. Mr. Marceca?

Do you have any awareness of either Mrs. Clinton...

MARCECA: I highly doubt it.

HORN: ...Vice President Gore. OK, how about Mr. Carville, did
he recommend either one of you for a position? Did you get to know
him, Mr. Livingstone, in the campaign?

LIVINGSTONE: I don't believe Mr. Carville at that time knew who
I was.

HORN: OK. How about you, Mr. Marceca?

MARCECA: I don't believe he had any involvement in my getting
the detail at all.

HORN: OK, let me put to each one of you, have you been offered a
position in the public or private sector by anyone in the White House,
who's either an agent, a friend, or a relative of the president, the
vice president or any member of the Executive Branch to say as little
as you possibly can in this hearing or related hearings? Has anyone
offered you that position in the private sector or the public sector
if, in brief, you keep quiet?

Ex-FBI Agent: First Lady Wanted Livingstone on Staff

'It's a Done Deal,' Counsel Allegedly Said

By George Lundgren Jr.
and Pierre Thomas
— Washington Post Staff Writers

A former FBI agent assigned to the White House says he was told that Craig Livingstone was named head of personnel security despite a questionable background because Hillary wants him.

Writing in a new book, "Unlimited Access: An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," the agent, Guy Aldrich, said then associate White House counsel William R. Kennedy Jr. told him in early 1993 that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton wanted Livingstone in the job.

Kennedy, Aldrich wrote, asked him what the FBI thought of Livingstone as a replacement for a longtime member and in particular what the FBI would think if there were charges in his background.

"I responded gingerly, saying it was a post that should be filled with someone equally clean, before Kennedy cut me off: 'I guess I see your

point, but it doesn't matter. It's a done deal. Hillary wants him.'"

The embattled Livingstone announced his resignation Wednesday at a House hearing after a drumfire of criticism over his office's improper collection of sensitive FBI background reports on hundreds of Republicans from past administrations. One of the biggest mysteries left at the hearing was the creation of who had hired Livingstone, a longtime political advance man with no background in security issues.

Aldrich was assigned to the White House to conduct background investigations for five years and he retired in June 1995. Angry at two associates with undocumented allegations, his book was published by a conservative house, Regnery Publishing Co. It was immediately denounced by the White House.

"On its face, this is trash for right-wing junk," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. Regnery, he said, has published books by former Lon

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Angles police officer Stanley C. Koon and the National Rifle Association's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre Jr. Fabiani said publication of the Aldrich book "is a political act with zero credibility."

Earlier this month, Aldrich wrote a short article for the Wall Street Journal's editorial page. It alleged that prominent White House employees suspected of disloyalty were in for "special" attention. FBI's Clinton style—such as new background investigations before they were due. As FBI agent he worked with M. Dennis Sculimbrene, who alleged that White House political operatives prompted him for information contributed to confidential FBI background files in an effort to root out career employees and replace them with Clinton supporters.

Those charges have led to an internal FBI investigation. The probe is focused on Aldrich's contentions that he told his superior, James Bowles, that the security system at the White House had been relaxed so those loyal to the Clintons could evade background checks. If Bowles was aware of such matters, the FBI inspector will try to determine what, if anything, he did about them, sources

said. The inquiry is also directed at Sculimbrene's allegation that his FBI supervisors retaliated against him for testifying as a defense witness in the trial of Fred White House travel chief Billy R. Duke. Duke was acquitted of ambassadorial charges.

Sculimbrene has said he now reports to the FBI offices in Tyngsboro, where he has "no work, no assignments." In an August 1995 memo, David Bowles, another FBI agent who worked on the Duke case, told FBI higher-ups that Sculimbrene has "very bitter political feelings against the White House" and accused him of "political" behavior.

In his book, Aldrich said the new Clinton White House used temporary passes for many months to get around the need to provide the Secret Service with FBI background reports for personnel passes.

The White House counsel's office tightened security procedures in early 1994 after a review concluded that more than 100 employees were allowed to work for months without reliable background investigations. White House officials acknowledged then that some White House staffers were found to have troublesome personal problems when the long-delayed investigation was finally completed.

Aldrich recounted meetings with Kennedy and with late White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster on the security problems, and said he told Foster the FBI had found character questions among staff members "in the highest levels" of the White House.

At one point, Aldrich wrote, he and Livingstone discussed the serious security problems, including staff members who should have been fired because of their backgrounds and the lack of cooperation from other White House staff members to even submitting to FBI interviews. Livingstone, wrote Aldrich, said Kennedy understood the problems but refused to deal with them.

The two men decided to go to higher-ups about the security problem, according to Aldrich. He wrote that he assumed they would discuss it with then-White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum. "Craig looked at me and I didn't have a brain. 'Nussbaum? It's not Nussbaum we gotta talk to. We'll be talking to Hillary.'"

Livingstone never mentioned the meeting with Hillary Clinton again, and it never came off, Aldrich wrote.

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JUNE 28, 1996 SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TRANSCRIPT
WITNESSES: LIVINGSTONE, WETZL

LEAHY: Someone who's going to go into this administration?

LIVINGSTONE: Right. But I wanted to explain it rather than just say only within pursuance of my duties so you'd understand an example.

LEAHY: I understand. So in other words, if the administration -- as it has -- has appointed people from past administrations...

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, sir.

LEAHY: ... then they would ask for the file.

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, sir.

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.

LEAHY: Well, we have -- the other night I was at an event here on the Hill, and one of the key chairman here was not there at the moment, and there was also a fire going on down at the Treasury building. We assumed that he was immediately calling a hearing to disclose how Mrs. Clinton started the fire at the Treasury building. We seem to have these allegations go out immediately.

LIVINGSTONE: I have no knowledge of that.

(LAUGHTER)

LEAHY: You had nothing to do with the fire. I mean, we might as well -- because by about tomorrow, there'll probably be an article in the press saying that the suggestion and the statement was left unanswered whether Mr. Livingstone started the fire at the Treasury

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JUNE 26, 1996 CLINGER COMMITTEE TRANSCRIPT -- ~~PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT~~
KENNEDY, LIVINGSTONE, MARCECA, NUSSBAUM, WETZEL

LIVINGSTONE: At the inaugural, I...

MICA: Security, OK, for the inaugural committee.

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, sir.

MICA: And did you feel to did a pretty good job?

LIVINGSTONE: Yes, I do. I got a very nice letter from the director of the Secret Service and a plaque from the Secret Service.

MICA: Was the first lady or the president aware of your service?

LIVINGSTONE: I don't have any knowledge to that effect.

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

LIVINGSTONE: Absolutely not.

MICA: Did you report to Mr. Kennedy on the first day when you came into the White House? When you said he hired you? Who did you report to and talk to...

LIVINGSTONE: I believe I testified earlier that I worked on advance prior to going on the payroll.

MICA: I know but the first day at the White House who did you report to? Went you went on the payroll, who's the first one you talked to?

LIVINGSTONE: I believe Miss Cheryl Mills, counsel's office.

MICA: Were you aware at any time of problems in the White House relating to security because you immediately got into the security business, were you aware of any leaks or problems with security at the White House?

LIVINGSTONE: Well, as I testified earlier, my job, sir, as I understood it, was largely administrative at the White House.

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HEADLINE: Aldrich Despised Clintons, Colleagues Say; Former FBI Agent at White House Was 'Cozy With Bush Staff'

BYLINE: Serge F. Kovalski; Pierre Thomas, Washington Post Staff Writers

BODY:

To a number of his peers, was a competent FBI agent with strong conservative convictions who felt a kinship with the Bush administration and was openly disgusted when Bill Clinton captured the Oval Office.

"He was very cozy with most of the Bush staff," said an FBI agent who knows Aldrich and spoke on the condition of anonymity. There is "no doubt he has a phenomenal bias" against the Clintons.

"He was almost personally offended that the Clintons had won, and made no secret of that," the agent said. After Clinton was elected president, the agent said, Aldrich remarked, "I've never seen so many ponytailed, 50-year-old men in my life."

Aldrich, a 26-year veteran of the FBI, retired last year because, he has suggested, his experience in the Clinton White House soured him on the bureau. He had spent the last five years of his career as one of two FBI agents assigned to the White House, where he was responsible for conducting background investigations on White House personnel.

In his controversial new book, "Unlimited Access: an FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," Aldrich described his post as an elite assignment that afforded him the unique opportunity to look out the window and see "a king or a queen visiting the president."

But the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration. One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

Aldrich was assigned to full-time duty at the White House with agent Dennis Sculimbrene, who almost lost his life in a 1995 accident, and has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. Sculimbrene is involved in a legal dispute with the FBI over his work assignments. He alleges he is being discriminated against because of his disability.

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The FBI response to the allegations raised in Aldrich's book was a terse, two-paragraph statement saying that Aldrich had published his account without completing a required bureau review process.

As a condition of FBI employment, all employees and former employees are required to submit for review any publications that "could have been based on knowledge gained as a result of their employment," the FBI release said. "The purpose of this review is to ensure the integrity of the investigative or other official information employees learn as part of their official duties."

Jay Stephens, Aldrich's lawyer and former Republican U.S. attorney for Washington, said yesterday that over the last six months he and his client had worked closely with the FBI to address any concerns the agency may have about the manuscript.

"We substantially met all their concerns except for a couple of very limited passages that have become moot as a result of the hearings into problems in security clearances at the White House," Stephens said.

However, a senior bureau official disputed Stephens's account, saying that substantial issues remained unresolved before the book's publication.

Some senior bureau officials yesterday appeared caught in the position of trying to respond to a book with some credible allegations and other claims they considered undocumented rumor.

"Are we outraged by this behavior?" asked one senior bureau official. "Of course we are." But the official said that the bureau hasn't decided what to do about the book and noted that Aldrich does have First Amendment rights.

Should it decide to take action against Aldrich for publishing before the review process was completed, the bureau's only option is to pursue civil litigation to control profits of the book, said one source.

Upon first receiving the book, the FBI forwarded it to its Office Professional Responsibility as a part of routine procedure. Thus far the bureau has not been able to secure documents to substantiate Aldrich's claims about security procedures at the White House, sources said.

Aldrich first surfaced publicly two weeks ago, just after the controversy erupted over the White House's improper receipt of hundreds of FBI files, when he published an op-ed piece assailing the Clinton administration in the Wall Street Journal. In it, he accused the White House of thwarting security and background checks. He made no mention of the upcoming book.

The book describes the early Clinton White House as being in complete disarray, rife with staff members who had once been drug abusers, suffering from lax security clearance procedures and targeting employees that it wanted fired to make room for individuals who were viewed as loyal to the Clintons. He also claimed that the FBI ignored repeated complaints that the Clinton administration was allowing staff members to go long periods of time without permanent White House passes.

FBI sources said they had not yet been able to find any record of the complaints Aldrich said he had made.

Former Top FBI Agent at White House Raises Questions About Security Office

By WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter
WASHINGTON — An FBI agent who was, until two months ago, the top FBI agent working in the White House, has raised new questions about the White House's personnel security office and its director, Craig Livingstone.

FBI agent Dennis Sculmbrene, who was recently transferred from the White House to FBI's Washington field office, has told investigators for the Senate Judiciary Committee that he raised complaints with his superiors about the chaotic management of the personnel security office two years ago and that he also had suggested that the office be run in a non-political manner. But Mr. Livingstone's hold on the job was secure because, the FBI agent said he was told, Mr. Livingstone's mother knew First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

A White House spokeswoman and a lawyer for Mr. Livingstone both deny that Mrs. Clinton knows Mr. Livingstone's mother. Mr. Sculmbrene doesn't know why he was transferred from his post at the White House. He is currently embroiled in a legal dispute with the Federal Bureau of Investigation over work assignments.

During an unworn interview Wednesday with the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Sculmbrene alleged that Mr. Livingstone had some problems in his background and had said some untrue things to the FBI when he underwent an investigation for security clearance. He didn't tell investigators what the alleged problems in Mr. Livingstone's background or untrue statements were. Despite having no background in law enforcement, Mr. Livingstone was given the job and approved for security clearance.

Mr. Livingstone and an assistant improperly obtained FBI files on more than 400 people, including many Republicans. Congressional investigators and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr are trying to determine whether the two men made an innocent mistake or were seeking to dig up dirt on political opponents. In private interviews with congressional investigators, Messrs. Livingstone and the assistant, Anthony Marrocca, have said that the files were requested accidentally and weren't misused.

Mr. Livingstone, who is on leave from the White House post, referred questions to his attorneys. Mr. Livingstone's lawyer, David Cohen, declined to discuss the background investigation of Mr. Livingstone. "Background investigations are private matters," he said.

Slow Clearance Process

Mr. Sculmbrene, who worked at the White House for a decade and has conducted numerous background probes of presidential appointees, described his experience with the Clinton administration in a two-hour interview with Senate investigators. The security office problems started early in the Clinton White House, Mr. Sculmbrene said. The clearance process was moving very slowly, and many people were walking around the complex without proper passes, he said. Mr. Sculmbrene and another FBI agent at the White House, Gary Aldrich, repeatedly complained to their superiors about problems, and at one point Mr. Sculmbrene said he suggested turning over the security office to a professional rather than a

In 1993, he thought he had a good candidate, Jackie Dinwiddie, who worked in the security office during the Carter administration. However, when he brought the idea to then-deputy White House counsel William Kennedy—who has since resigned—he says Mr. Kennedy told him that he was stuck with Mr. Livingstone. Mr. Sculmbrene told investigators that Mr. Kennedy knew there were problems in Mr. Livingstone's own background investigation, and another person familiar with the matter confirms this. Mr. Kennedy and his lawyer didn't respond to requests for comment.

According to Mr. Sculmbrene, both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Livingstone told him that Mr. Livingstone's mother knew Mrs. Clinton, which seemed to explain his standing. However, Mr. Sculmbrene said he has no independent knowledge of whether the two women actually knew one another and suggested that Mr. Livingstone may have made it up in an attempt to inflate his status or protect his job. Another person who worked with Mr. Livingstone confirms that Mr. Livingstone boasted of ties between his mother and Mrs. Clinton.

'An Absolute Fabrication'

Mr. Cohen, Mr. Livingstone's lawyer, called this account "an absolute fabrication." White House officials said that Mr. Kennedy has denied telling Mr. Sculmbrene of any connection between Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Livingstone's mother. Jane Sherburne, White House special counsel, said Mrs. Clinton denies knowing Mrs. Livingstone.

Although Mr. Sculmbrene says his performance has been consistently rated as exceptional by the FBI, Senate investigators questioned him about events that could color his version of events. The FBI agent sustained a severe head injury two years ago that left him partly disabled, although he has returned to work. He is pursuing a discrimination complaint against the FBI, claiming he has been ordered to do work that contradicts his physician's recommendations. He said he is also under investigation for allegedly giving his son his government parking pass.

Mr. Sculmbrene also said he worries that he may be suffering retribution from superiors because he testified on behalf of former travel office director Billy Dale at Mr. Dale's embezzlement trial last year. Mr. Dale was acquitted. The firing of Mr. Dale and the rest of the travel office in 1993 led to a congressional inquiry and eventually to the disclosure that the White House had improperly obtained Mr. Dale's FBI file, along with more than 400 others.

Questions also were raised yesterday about whether Messrs. Livingstone and Marrocca also collected confidential Internal Revenue Service data. According to a letter sent yesterday by Sen. Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, to FBI Director Louis Freeh, a box of documents removed from Mr. Livingstone's office by the FBI contained a folder full of papers bearing the IRS logo. Sen. Grassley asked the FBI director to describe what was in the folder.

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INTERVIEW OF M. DENNIS SCULIMBRENE

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1 the head of the military office.

2 Mr. Larkin. I want to do one thing real quick. Can I
3 get a phone number where I can give you a call later?

4 Mr. Sculimbrene. 754-4265. That is my home number.

5 Mr. Larkin. And where do you live at?

6 Mr. Sculimbrene. 1521--

7 Mr. Larkin. Well, no.

8 Mr. Sculimbrene. 703.

9 Mr. Larkin. Area code is what I meant to say.

10 Mr. Hubbard. Now, you said Craig Livingstone had this
11 job because who wanted him to have the job?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. Mrs. Clinton is apparently a friend
13 of Craig's mother.

14 Mr. Yoo. Mrs. Clinton is a friend of Craig's mother?

15 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. And that is why Bill Kennedy
16 told me he was stuck with Craig.

17 Mr. Larkin. What do you think his background and
18 expertise is to getting him in a high-profile job like that?

19 Mr. Sculimbrene. Craig's?

20 Mr. Larkin. Yes.

21 Mr. Sculimbrene. Now, mind you, I did his background
22 now. So I--

23 Mr. Larkin. I don't want to get into this. As a
24 matter of fact, I won't even ask it.

25 Mr. Yoo. Let me ask you, though, do you have any do

1 you remember any conversations where you were told that Mr.
2 Livingstone got the job because he was connected with Mrs.
3 Clinton?

4 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. Kennedy told me that.

5 Mr. Yoo. Bill Kennedy told you that?

6 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes, because Kennedy asked me whether
7 we should keep him.

8 Mr. Yoo. Do you remember what was said? Do you
9 remember the ^oexact words?

10 Mr. Sculimbrene. No. The exact words, no. The word
11 "stuck" stays--the word "stuck" sticks in my mind; that he
12 was stuck with him.

13 Mr. Yoo. Do you remember when you talked to him?

14 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. This was a month or two into
15 the administration when we were looking for somebody to take
16 over Jane Dannenhauer's job, and like I said, I had gone to
17 Bill Kennedy proposing Jackie Dinwiddie as a candidate, and
18 I thought why not.

19 Mr. Larkin. A Democrat.

20 Mr. Sculimbrene. Here is a Democrat who worked on the
21 campaign, worked on the transition, honest, you know,
22 trustworthy. The Bureau had worked with her in the past.
23 Perfect candidate, but do they pick her? No.

24 Mr. Larkin. You know, under what circumstances did

1 Mr. Sculimbrene. It could have possibly been during
2 the conversation when I went to Bill Kennedy to talk to him
3 about, you know, an employee or maybe during Bill Kennedy's
4 own background investigation when I went to interview him
5 about his own case, but I did have a number of interviews
6 with--you know, here is the standard practice up there.

7 You know, you go in and you do your job, and then, you
8 know, like everything else, well, what did you do this
9 weekend, you know, and we lapsed into personal, private
10 conversations, and that's what happened to--that is when
11 the subject of Jackie Dinwiddie came up. That is when I
12 interjected my belief that it would help the administration,
13 it would help the FBI to have an employee who had previous
14 experience there, and certainly she had the credentials for
15 the job, but I was told by Kennedy that he was stuck with
16 Livingstone and that was the end of it.

17 Mr. Yoo. How did he refer to Mrs. Clinton in your
18 conversation?

19 Mr. Sculimbrene. How did he refer to her?

20 Mr. Yoo. Yes.

21 Mr. Sculimbrene. Do you mean like what words did he
22 use? Whatever he said, I took it to mean the First Lady.

23 Mr. Yoo. Okay.

24 Mr. Sculimbrene. The First Lady or Hillary?

1 had to be--that he was stuck with Craig because of his
— 2 connection to the First Lady, do you remember the exact
3 words he might have used?

4 Mr. Sculimbrene. No. Like I said, the only word that
5 really sticks out in my mind is the word "stuck."

6 Now, mind you, whether it is true or not, I mean, I
7 don't know for a fact. I don't know whether for a fact that
8 Craig Livingstone's mother--for all I know, Craig
9 Livingstone may have told him that and he believed him.

10 Mr. Larkin. Your recollection is it had something to
11 do with Craig's mother?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. Mother, yes.

13 Mr. Larkin. Okay.

14 Mr. Hubbard. Now, when Mr. Kennedy made this
15 statement, did he use either the name "Hillary Clinton" or
16 "Hillary Rodham Clinton" or "the First Lady"? Did he
17 designate her or did you infer from what he said that he was
18 referring to Hillary?

19 Mr. Sculimbrene. Perhaps I inferred that he was
20 talking about the First Lady, but I think I was correct in
21 my inference.

22 Mr. Hubbard. And on what basis would you say that?

23 Mr. Sculimbrene. Well, why would he keep--why would he
24 keep this person here that I don't think he personally

1 He knew--he knew of his--he knew of the problems in his
- 2 background investigation. He asked me when I kind of
3 refused to answer the question whether he should be hired
4 there, and then when I tried to supply a new person, it
5 seemed to me like--here, I will lay it right on his lap.
6 Here is the perfect person to solve your problems, and the
7 answer to that is, well, I really can't do it because you
8 know who wants him there. Now, that is an inference. That
9 is an inference.

10 Mr. Larkin. Did Craig ever make any reference to the
11 fact of how he came there?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes. Now, Craig did tell me that his
13 mother--

14 Mr. Larkin. Was what?

15 Mr. Sculimbrene. --knew Hillary Clinton.

16 Mr. Larkin. He said--

17 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes, he did tell me that, but Craig
18 told me several things that were not true.

19 Mr. Hubbard. Such as?

20 Mr. Yoo. Do you remember when he said that?

21 Mr. Sculimbrene. I don't--I am getting at the gray
22 area here now.

23 Ms. Owens. No, no. You are fine there. If I lean
24 forward, it is because he had mentioned derogatory in

1 about--that reflects the results of an investigation when he
2 said that there was derogatory, and I would just assume--

3 Mr. Larkin. And we will, like, strike that, okay, for
4 the record.

5 Ms. Owens. That was the only area I had concern in,
6 and they have been very good about the leading things or
7 problematic.

8 Mr. Larkin. We are trying. We are trying.

9 Mr. Hubbard. Can I follow up on this?

10 Mr. Yoo. What day'did--do you remember when Mr.
11 Livingstone made that comment to you about her mother?

12 Mr. Sculimbrene. This was during my several interviews
13 with him in the process of doing his background
14 investigation.

15 Mr. Hubbard. You said that he told you several things
16 that you now know to be untrue. Can you tell us what they
17 are?

18 Mr. Sculimbrene. Mr. Livingstone or Mr. Kennedy?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Mr. Livingstone.

20 Mr. Sculimbrene. Well, we are going to get into--

21 Ms. Owens. Are they in connection with the background
22 investigation when he was interviewed?

23 Mr. Sculimbrene. Yes.

24 Mr. Larkin. We will pass

25 Mr. Yoo. Can I ask just one or two questions? We are

Free For All



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The Trouble Isn't With The FBI

The July 31 editorial "A Troubling Question for the FBI" picks up on a crafty theme first advanced by White House Counsel Jack Quinn in his recent letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh. Quinn asserts that the report of Special Agent Dennis Sculimbrenne's 1993 interview of Bernard Nussbaum in connection with the background investigation of Craig Livingstone is false because Nussbaum has declared it to be false. Having declared the report to be false, Quinn next tries to undermine the credibility of Sculimbrenne by attempting to link him to the aberrant conduct of former FBI special agent Gary Harlow.

Why does your paper fall victim to this White House spin control? The fact that Nussbaum denies making such a statement does not make Sculimbrenne's report false. Nor can any inference fairly be drawn about Sculimbrenne's character from the conduct of an errant agent.

Agent Sculimbrenne had no motivation to falsify this information, and he has made no claim as to its truth or falsity—only that it was accurately reported. Indeed, he has no independent recollection today of the interview. The subject matter of the interview was routine and unremarkable. It simply was one of many interviews conducted more than three years ago, and it has taken on importance only in hindsight. Moreover, Sculimbrenne would not have had the opportunity to change it later on. Once he prepared the interview report, it was transmitted to the FBI SPIN unit pursuant to standard procedures, and he would not come into contact with it again.

Sculimbrenne was supportive of the Clinton administration and wanted to see it succeed. Also, the administration, at least until recently, apparently thought well of Sculimbrenne. In October 1995, the Office of Presidential Personnel submitted Sculimbrenne's name to the Department of Veterans Affairs as a candidate for the inspector general position at the department. Also, in March 1996, in connection with a routine FBI inspection of the White House Liaison operations, attorneys in the counsel's office were interviewed, and no complaints were registered. On March 31, 1996, Sculimbrenne received an exceptional performance rating from the FBI.

While there is always the risk of an FBI agent gone bad, as in the case of Gary Harlow, this is a rare occurrence. Of greater concern is the possibility of prospective government appointees and employees misleading investigators during the background process. Indeed, according to published accounts, this administration is no stranger to this problem.

Dennis Sculimbrenne has performed his duties for more than 24 years in an exemplary fashion. To attempt to tar him and the other good men and women of the FBI with the Harlow brush is contemptible on the part of the White House and a disservice to your readers. The irony here is that it was Sculimbrenne who helped sound the bell on Harlow.

—Richard A. Hauser
The writer is counsel for
Dennis Sculimbrenne.

The editorial "A Troubling Question for the FBI" was troubling for me, too. I am disturbed that your paper would attempt to impugn the integrity of FBI agents simply because FBI agent Dennis Sculimbrenne's three-year-old notes of a Bernard Nussbaum interview now conflict with Nussbaum's recent denials that he ever made the statements contained in the notes. I am particularly dismayed that you then try to couple agent Sculimbrenne's "questionable" (in your mind) report with the reprehensible conduct of ex-agent Gary Harlow about guilt by (alleged) association.

According to news reports, Sculimbrenne interviewed Nussbaum in the fall of 1993, at the very beginning of the new administration, concerning Craig Livingstone's suitability for White House employment. Having done my share of background investigations during the past 25 years, I am aware of the procedures that no doubt were followed. During the interview, I'm sure, Sculimbrenne took written notes of what Nussbaum said. These notes later were reduced to a typed report and both were placed in an investigative file. At that time, the interview would have been characterized as routine and unremarkable.

Now, however, solely because Nussbaum has told Congress under oath that he never discussed Livingstone with Hillary Clinton and because Nussbaum has issued a statement denying he had made remarks attributed to him by agent Sculimbrenne, you charge that "the accuracy of Agent Sculimbrenne's report, therefore, is in question and raises a major concern."

The implication is clear. It is also in error and backward.

Sculimbrenne's notes and report were prepared and preserved more than three years ago, at the time of the interview and in the normal course of business. On the other hand, Nussbaum's recent denials made under the scrutiny of congressional inquiries and independent counsel Kenneth Starr's criminal investigation, may implicate not only Nussbaum but other White House associates. And isn't this the same Bernard Nussbaum who successfully held both the Justice Department and the U.S. Park Police at bay while he and other White House staffers rummaged through Vincent Foster's office during the hours after his death, looking for, well, whatever they were looking for?

I too find the "specter of an FBI agent reporting a conversation that never took place" chilling. I also find your not-too-subtle invitation to link the criminal conduct of ex-agent Harlow with your unfounded concerns about Sculimbrenne to be nothing more than a poorly disguised smear. Agent Sculimbrenne deserved more.

—Thomas F. Becker
The writer is executive vice president
of the FBI Agents Association.

October 28, 1995

WADE PLUNKETT

Presidential Personnel
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Plunkett,

Please review my resume and place my name in consideration for Inspector General for the Veteran's Administration.

More than ever, declining resources demands that all money appropriated for the benefit of the Veteran goes to the Veteran. If chosen for this position, I would take the oath of office as a sacred trust between myself and all my fellow citizens who served their country in uniform.

I can personally identify with the disabled veteran. Two years ago, I suffered a traumatic head injury and struggled for a year to return to a normal life. The experience of being handicapped, if only temporarily, provided me with an opportunity to see the value of rehabilitation programs.

Stealing money from Veterans is analogous to stealing from a church poor box. It is a crime beyond reproach, no matter the sum taken. Taking assets away from Veteran's programs is theft beyond reproach.

As a young agent in Buffalo New York, I had the practical experience of working with the Veteran's Hospital. The Director at the time complained that it seemed the hospital was buying linens for the whole city. I uncovered an operation within the hospital that was selling the linens door to door. The final outcome of this matter involved a compromise that left me without any convictions for the guilty. The individuals involved were allowed to remain, as long as they promised to stop their activity.

As the Inspector General for Veterans Administration, I would not have tolerated such a lukewarm decision.

Sincerely yours,

M. Dennis Sculimbrene
M. Dennis Sculimbrene

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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- Currently Senior Special Agent Assigned to White House for investigations of Presidential Appointees.
- Made Policy and Format improvements regarding Background Investigations which improved quality and timeliness of Reports to the White House.
- Capital Hill Liaison. (1984-1986)
- Anti-Hijack and Surveillance Pilot. (1973-1986)
- Organized Crime and Violent Crime. (1973-1977)

FORMER EXPERIENCE

LINK-BELT, Philadelphia, Pa.

1970 - 1973

- Industrial Sales Manager for Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio area, Was youngest Manager.
- USAF Reserve, Greater Pittsburgh Airport 1973 - 1973
- Aircraft Commander C-123K (Week-End Warrior)

USAF Active Duty

1965 - 1970

- Aircraft Commander KC-/EC-135 Strategic Air Command.
- Combat and Reconnaissance Combat Tours in SEA
- Air Medal, advanced promotion to permanent Captain.

EDUCATION

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

- BA History/Journalism 1961-1965
- Air Force ROTC Commission
- Formal Military, Business and Federal Training Programs.

PERSONAL

- [REDACTED] (b)(6)
- Married since 1966. Father of two grown sons.

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GOALS AFTER RETIREMENT FROM FBI

- Utilize my demonstrated honest and independent investigative experience.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1996

BY TELECOPY

Louis J. Freeh
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Director Freeh:

As you may know, Congressman Clinger today divulged, on the House floor, an interview report from a confidential FBI background investigation that has been declared to be false by the person who was interviewed. I am writing to you to ask how we can work together to ensure continued public confidence in the accuracy of FBI investigations.

According to Mr. Clinger's statement today, the background investigation file on Mr. Craig Livingstone includes a report by Agent Dennis Sculimbrene on a conversation he says he had with White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum concerning Mr. Livingstone's hiring. But, according to a statement issued by Mr. Nussbaum today, that conversation never took place.

This Administration and the American people have enormous confidence in the FBI, for good reason. And, the role that the agency plays in conducting background investigations and helping to ensure the suitability of appointees for their posts cannot be overstated. The President, you and the American people have a large stake indeed in the fairness and accuracy of this process.

That is why we are troubled, as we know you must be, by the implication that an FBI background investigation might include a false report. This matter is especially worrisome coming as it does on the heels of published reports of the conviction of one of the agents who did background checks at the White House on charges of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

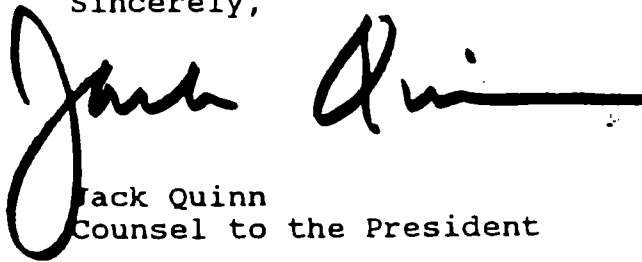
It is equally troubling that a Member of Congress can publicly reveal confidential FBI information, whether for partisan purposes or otherwise. It should not escape notice that this is done at a time when Members of Congress have expressed worry that employees of the executive branch might have sought out confidential FBI information about certain individuals and

planned to somehow use it publicly. While that charge has never been established against anyone in the executive branch, we now witness the same objectionable behavior by the very people who professed to be the guardians of privacy.

It is important that we take steps to ensure continuing confidence in the confidentiality and the integrity of the FBI clearance process. I look forward to your suggestions as to how we can work with you to that end.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack Quinn
Counsel to the President

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FACT SHEET

Sculimbrene's allegations have been disputed by all parties:

- **Mrs. Gloria Livingstone states:** "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." [Statement of Mrs. Gloria Livingstone, 7/25/96]
- **Mr. Bernard Nussbaum states:** "I never told FBI Agent Sculimbrene, 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." [Statement of Mr. Bernard Nussbaum, 7/25/96]
- **Mrs. Clinton has stated:** "I did not know his mother. I did not know him. I did not have anything to do with his being hired." [First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's statement in Helsinki, Finland on 7/10/96]
- **Mr. Bill Kennedy has stated:** "I have never had any discussion with Mrs. Clinton about Mr. Livingstone. No one else ever told me that Mrs. Clinton had any interest whatsoever in Mr. Livingstone or his position." [Statement of William H. Kennedy, 6/29/96]
- **Mr. Craig Livingstone has stated:** "I've asked my mother and she, for the record, says that she has never met Mrs. Clinton." [Livingstone testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/28/96]
- Dennis Sculimbrene has offered differing accounts of the story involving Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Livingstone:
 - "According to Mr. Sculimbrene, both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Livingstone told him that Mr. Livingstone's mother knew Mrs. Clinton, which seemed to explain his standing. However, Mr. Sculimbrene said he has no independent knowledge of whether the two women actually knew one another and suggested that Mr. Livingstone may have made it up in an attempt to inflate his status or protect his job." [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
 - Q: Now, you said Craig Livingstone had this job because who wanted him to have the job?

Sculimbrene: Mrs. Clinton is apparently a friend of Craig's mother.

Q: Mrs. Clinton is a friend of Craig's mother?

Sculimbrene: Yes. And that is why Bill Kennedy told me he was stuck with Craig.

Q: Let me ask you, though, do you have any--do you remember any conversations where you were told that Mr. Livingstone got that job because he was connected with Mrs. Clinton?

Sculimbrene: Yes. Kennedy told me that.

[Sculimbrene Interview before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/19/96]

- Sculimbrene's FBI interview report states that Mr. Bernard Nussbaum was the individual who informed him (Sculimbrene) that Mr. Livingstone received his job because of a pre-existing relationship between Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Clinton.
- According to a news account, FBI agent David Bowie, who worked with Sculimbrene, wrote in an August, 1995 memo that Sculimbrene had "very bitter political feelings against the White House." Bowie further accused Sculimbrene of "irrational" behavior. [The Washington Post, 6/28/96]

Sculimbrene is involved in an employment dispute with the FBI, alleging he was discriminated against because of his handicap. (Sculimbrene suffered a severe head injury after being hit by a propeller.) Sculimbrene has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying, "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

- In a news account, Sculimbrene stated the FBI was seeking retribution for his testimony in the Dale trial. (Sculimbrene testified on behalf of Billy Ray Dale at Dale's trial for embezzlement in November of 1995.) [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
- Numerous issues regarding the propriety of the actions of other FBI agents assigned to the Clinton White House have arisen over the last few years. "...the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
- "One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
- Former FBI agent Gary Aldrich published a book on the Clinton White House which featured wild, unsubstantiated rumors. The book was widely criticized for making public raw FBI data. Aldrich "published his account without completing a required FBI review process." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

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 to 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
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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: Gee, 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.



Ex-FBI Agent: First Lady Wanted Livingstone on Staff

'It's a Done Deal,' Counsel Allegedly Said

By George Lardner Jr.
and Pierre Thomas
Washington Post Staff Writers

A former FBI agent assigned to the White House says he was told that Craig Livingstone was named head of personnel security despite a questionable background because "Hillary wants him."

Writing in a new book, "Unlimited Access—An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," the agent, Gary Aldrich, said then-associate White House counsel William H. Kennedy III told him in early 1993 that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton wanted Livingstone in the job.

Kennedy, Aldrich wrote, asked him what the FBI thought of Livingstone as a replacement for a longtime veteran and "in particular what the FBI would think if there were character issues in his background."

"I responded gingerly, saying it was a post that should be filled with someone squeaky clean, before Kennedy cut me off: 'I guess I see your

point, but it doesn't matter. It's a done deal. Hillary wants him.'"

The embattled Livingstone announced his resignation Wednesday at a House hearing after a drumfire of criticism over his office's improper collection of sensitive FBI background reports on hundreds of Republicans from past administrations. One of the biggest mysteries left at the hearing was the question of who had hired Livingstone, a longtime political advance man with no background in security issues.

Aldrich was assigned to the White House to conduct background investigations for five years until he retired in June 1995. Angry in tone and laced with undocumented allegations, his book was published by a conservative house, Regnery Publishing Co. It was immediately denounced by the White House.

"On its face, this is trash for right-wing cash," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. Regnery, he said, has published books by former Los

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Los Angeles police officer Stacey C. Koon and the National Rifle Association's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre Jr. Fabiani said publication of the Aldrich book "is a political act with zero credibility."

Earlier this month, Aldrich wrote a short article for the Wall Street Journal's editorial page. It alleged that permanent White House employees suspected of disloyalty were in for "special" attention, Hillary Clinton style—such as new background investigations before they were due. As FBI agent he worked with, M. Dennis Sculmbrene, has alleged that White House political operatives pumped him for information contained in confidential FBI background files in an effort to root out career employees and replace them with Clinton supporters.

Those charges have led to an internal FBI investigation. The probe is focused on Aldrich's contentions that he told his supervisor, James Bourke, that the security system at the White House had been relaxed so those loyal to the Clintons could evade background checks. If Bourke was aware of such matters, the FBI inspectors will try to determine what, if anything, he did about them, sources

said. The inquiry is also directed at Sculmbrene's allegation that his FBI supervisors retaliated against him for testifying as a defense witness in the trial of fired White House travel chief Billy R. Dale. Dale was acquitted of embezzlement charges.

Sculmbrene has said he now reports to the FBI offices in Tysons Corner, where he has "no work, no assignments." In an August 1995 memo, David Bowles, another FBI agent who worked on the Dale case, told FBI higher-ups that Sculmbrene has "very bitter political feelings against the White House" and accused him of "irrational" behavior.

In his book, Aldrich said the new Clinton White House used temporary passes for many months to get around the need to provide the Secret Service with FBI background reports for permanent passes.

The White House counsel's office tightened security procedures in early 1994 after a review concluded that more than 100 employees were allowed to work for months without routine background investigations. White House officials acknowledged then that some White House staffers were found to have troublesome personal problems when the long-delayed investigations were finally completed.

Aldrich recounted meetings with Kennedy and with late White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster on the security problems, and said he told Foster the FBI had found character questions among staff members "at the highest levels" of the White House.

At one point, Aldrich wrote, he and Livingstone discussed the serious security problems, including staff members who should have been fired because of their backgrounds and the lack of cooperation from other White House staff members in even submitting to FBI interviews. Livingstone, wrote Aldrich, said Kennedy understood the problems but refused to deal with them.

The two men decided to go to higher-ups about the security problem, according to Aldrich. He wrote that he assumed they would discuss it with then-White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum. "Craig looked at me like I didn't have a brain. Nussbaum? It's not Nussbaum we gotta talk to. We'll be talking to Hillary."

Livingstone never mentioned the meeting with Hillary Clinton again, and it never came off, Aldrich wrote.

Staff writers Susan Schmidt and Jim McGee and researcher Nathan Abram contributed to this report.

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HEADLINE: Aldrich Despised Clintons, Colleagues Say; Former FBI Agent at White House Was 'Cozy With Bush Staff'

BYLINE: Serge F. Kovalski; Pierre Thomas, Washington Post Staff Writers

BODY:

To a number of his peers, was a competent FBI agent with strong conservative convictions who felt a kinship with the Bush administration and was openly disgusted when Bill Clinton captured the Oval Office.

"He was very cozy with most of the Bush staff," said an FBI agent who knows Aldrich and spoke on the condition of anonymity. There is "no doubt he has a phenomenal bias" against the Clintons.

"He was almost personally offended that the Clintons had won, and made no secret of that," the agent said. After Clinton was elected president, the agent said, Aldrich remarked, "I've never seen so many ponytailed, 50-year-old men in my life."

Aldrich, a 26-year veteran of the FBI, retired last year because, he has suggested, his experience in the Clinton White House soured him on the bureau. He had spent the last five years of his career as one of two FBI agents assigned to the White House, where he was responsible for conducting background investigations on White House personnel.

In his controversial new book, "Unlimited Access: an FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," Aldrich described his post as an elite assignment that afforded him the unique opportunity to look out the window and see "a king or a queen visiting the president."

But the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration. One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

Aldrich was assigned to full-time duty at the White House with agent Dennis Sculimbrene, who almost lost his life in a 1995 accident, and has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. Sculimbrene is involved in a legal dispute with the FBI over his work assignments. He alleges he is being discriminated against because of his disability.



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The FBI response to the allegations raised in Aldrich's book was a terse, two-paragraph statement saying that Aldrich had published his account without completing a required bureau review process.

As a condition of FBI employment, all employees and former employees are required to submit for review any publications that "could have been based on knowledge gained as a result of their employment," the FBI release said. "The purpose of this review is to ensure the integrity of the investigative or other official information employees learn as part of their official duties."

Jay Stephens, Aldrich's lawyer and former Republican U.S. attorney for Washington, said yesterday that over the last six months he and his client had worked closely with the FBI to address any concerns the agency may have about the manuscript.

"We substantially met all their concerns except for a couple of very limited passages that have become moot as a result of the hearings into problems in security clearances at the White House," Stephens said.

However, a senior bureau official disputed Stephens's account, saying that substantial issues remained unresolved before the book's publication.

Some senior bureau officials yesterday appeared caught in the position of trying to respond to a book with some credible allegations and other claims they considered undocumented rumor.

"Are we outraged by this behavior?" asked one senior bureau official. "Of course we are." But the official said that the bureau hasn't decided what to do about the book and noted that Aldrich does have First Amendment rights.

Should it decide to take action against Aldrich for publishing before the review process was completed, the bureau's only option is to pursue civil litigation to control profits of the book, said one source.

Upon first receiving the book, the FBI forwarded it to its Office Professional Responsibility as a part of routine procedure. Thus far the bureau has not been able to secure documents to substantiate Aldrich's claims about security procedures at the White House, sources said.

Aldrich first surfaced publicly two weeks ago, just after the controversy erupted over the White House's improper receipt of hundreds of FBI files, when he published an op-ed piece assailing the Clinton administration in the Wall Street Journal. In it, he accused the White House of thwarting security and background checks. He made no mention of the upcoming book.

The book describes the early Clinton White House as being in complete disarray, rife with staff members who had once been drug abusers, suffering from lax security clearance procedures and targeting employees that it wanted fired to make room for individuals who were viewed as loyal to the Clintons. He also claimed that the FBI ignored repeated complaints that the Clinton administration was allowing staff members to go long periods of time without permanent White House passes.

FBI sources said they had not yet been able to find any record of the complaints Aldrich said he had lodged.



Staff writer Jim McGee contributed to this report.
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 - 2) Sculimbrene is now reporting that Mr. Bernard Nussbaum was the individual who informed him that Mr. Livingstone received his job because of a pre-existing relationship between Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Clinton.



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Former Top FBI Agent at White House Raises Questions About Security Office

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — An FBI agent who was, until two months ago, the top FBI agent working in the White House, has raised new questions about the White House's personnel security office and its director, Craig Livingstone.

FBI agent Dennis Sculmbrene, who was recently transferred from the White House to FBI's Washington field office, has told investigators for the Senate Judiciary Committee that he raised complaints with his superiors about the chaotic management of the personnel security office two years ago and that he also had suggested that the office be run in a non-political manner. But Mr. Livingstone's hold on the job was secure because, the FBI agent said he was told, Mr. Livingstone's mother knew First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

A White House spokeswoman and a lawyer for Mr. Livingstone both deny that Mrs. Clinton knows Mr. Livingstone's mother. Mr. Sculmbrene doesn't know why he was transferred from his post at the White House. He is currently embroiled in a legal dispute with the Federal Bureau of Investigation over work assignments.

During an unsworn interview Wednesday with the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Sculmbrene alleged that Mr. Livingstone had some problems in his background and had said some untrue things to the FBI when he underwent an investigation for security clearance. He didn't tell investigators what the alleged problems in Mr. Livingstone's background or untrue statements were. Despite having no background in law enforcement, Mr. Livingstone was given the job and approved for security clearance.

Mr. Livingstone and an assistant improperly obtained FBI files on more than 400 people, including many Republicans. Congressional investigators and Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr are trying to determine whether the two men made an innocent mistake or were seeking to dig up dirt on political opponents. In private interviews with congressional investigators, Messrs. Livingstone and the assistant, Anthony Marceca, have said that the files were requested accidentally and weren't misused.

Mr. Livingstone, who is on leave from the White House post, referred questions to his attorneys. Mr. Livingstone's lawyer, David Cohen, declined to discuss the background investigation of Mr. Livingstone. "Background investigations are private matters," he said.

Slow Clearance Process

Mr. Sculmbrene, who worked at the White House for a decade and has conducted numerous background probes of presidential appointees, described his experience with the Clinton administration in a two-hour interview with Senate investigators. The security office problems started early in the Clinton White House, Mr. Sculmbrene said. The clearance process was moving very slowly, and many people were walking around the complex without proper passes, he said. Mr. Sculmbrene and another FBI agent at the White House, Gary Aldrich, repeatedly complained to their superiors about problems, and at one point Mr. Sculmbrene said he suggested turning over the security office to a professional rather than a political appointee.

In 1993, he thought he had a good candidate, Jackie Dinwiddie, who worked in the security office during the Carter administration. However, when he brought the idea to then-deputy White House counsel William Kennedy—who has since resigned—he says Mr. Kennedy told him that he was stuck with Mr. Livingstone. Mr. Sculmbrene told investigators that Mr. Kennedy knew there were problems in Mr. Livingstone's own background investigation, and another person familiar with the matter confirms this. Mr. Kennedy and his lawyer didn't respond to requests for comment.

According to Mr. Sculmbrene, both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Livingstone told him that Mr. Livingstone's mother knew Mrs. Clinton, which seemed to explain his standing. However, Mr. Sculmbrene said he has no independent knowledge of whether the two women actually knew one another and suggested that Mr. Livingstone may have made it up in an attempt to inflate his status or protect his job. Another person who worked with Mr. Livingstone confirms that Mr. Livingstone boasted of ties between his mother and Mrs. Clinton.

'An Absolute Fabrication'

Mr. Cohen, Mr. Livingstone's lawyer, called this account "an absolute fabrication." White House officials said that Mr. Kennedy has denied telling Mr. Sculmbrene of any connection between Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Livingstone's mother. Jane Sherburne, White House special counsel, said Mrs. Clinton denies knowing Mrs. Livingstone.

Although Mr. Sculmbrene says his performance has been consistently rated as exceptional by the FBI, Senate investigators questioned him about events that could color his version of events. The FBI agent sustained a severe head injury two years ago that left him partly disabled, although he has returned to work. He is pursuing a discrimination complaint against the FBI, claiming he has been ordered to do work that contradicts his physician's recommendations. He said he is also under investigation for allegedly giving his son his government parking pass.

Mr. Sculmbrene also said he worries that he may be suffering retribution from superiors because he testified on behalf of former travel office director Billy Dale at Mr. Dale's embezzlement trial last year. Mr. Dale was acquitted. The firing of Mr. Dale and the rest of the travel office in 1993 led to a congressional inquiry and eventually to the disclosure that the White House had improperly obtained Mr. Dale's FBI file, along with more than 400 others.

Questions also were raised yesterday about whether Messrs. Livingstone and Marceca also collected confidential Internal Revenue Service data. According to a letter sent yesterday by Sen. Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, to FBI Director Louis Freeh, a box of documents removed from Mr. Livingstone's office by the FBI contained a folder full of papers bearing the IRS logo. Sen. Grassley asked the FBI director to describe what sort of documents are in the folder.

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STATEMENT

Mark Fabiani
Special Associate Counsel to the President

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Today Representative William Clinger, hiding behind the legal fig leaf of the Speech or Debate Clause, took the extraordinary step of divulging on the House floor highly confidential and completely false information from an FBI background investigation.

Congressman Clinger has failed utterly to prove that the White House ever improperly released any private information from FBI files. Thus, today's astonishing speech by Mr. Clinger represents the first and only disclosure of confidential FBI background information during this entire matter.

What is worse, Congressman Clinger divulged confidential information that is clearly false and that originates from a questionable source. Bernard Nussbaum has said that the alleged conversation between Mr. Nussbaum and FBI Agent Dennis Sculimbrene never took place. Mrs. Livingstone has said that she does not know the First Lady and has never even met or spoken with Mrs. Clinton. And the First Lady has said that she does not know Mrs. Livingstone.

In addition, Mr. Clinger surely knows that, according to a published report, an FBI agent informed his superiors that Agent Sculimbrene harbored "very bitter political feelings against the White House." This same FBI agent also charged Agent Sculimbrene with "irrational" behavior. (Washington Post, June 28, 1996.) Yet other published reports indicate that Agent Sculimbrene is involved in a continuing dispute with the FBI regarding his work assignments. And, in recent weeks another FBI agent who had been assigned to the White House and worked with Agent Sculimbrene published a book containing wild rumors and rank innuendo; that book was thoroughly and completely discredited.

Nonetheless, Representative Clinger took to the House floor and divulged false information from a confidential FBI report in a desperate attempt to grab attention for his faltering "investigation." Mr. Clinger's speech today will be seen by most Americans as a reckless, partisan act.

FACT SHEET

Sculimbrene's allegations have been disputed by all parties:

- **Mrs. Livingstone states:** "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." [Statement of Mrs. Gloria Livingstone, 7/25/96]
- **Mr. Nussbaum states:** "I never told FBI Agent Sculimbrene, 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." [Statement of Mr. Bernard Nussbaum, 7/25/96]
- **Mrs. Clinton has stated:** "I did not know his mother. I did not know him. I did not have anything to do with his being hired." [First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's statement in Helsinki, Finland on 7/10/96]
- **Mr. Bill Kennedy has stated:** "I have never had any discussion with Mrs. Clinton about Mr. Livingstone. No one else ever told me that Mrs. Clinton had any interest whatsoever in Mr. Livingstone or his position." [Statement of William H. Kennedy, 6/29/96]
- **Mr. Craig Livingstone has stated:** "I've asked my mother and she, for the record, says that she has never met Mrs. Clinton." [Livingstone testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/28/96]
- **Dennis Sculimbrene has offered differing accounts of the story involving Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Livingstone:**
 - "According to Mr. Sculimbrene, both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Livingstone told him that Mr. Livingstone's mother knew Mrs. Clinton, which seemed to explain his standing. However, Mr. Sculimbrene said he has no independent knowledge of whether the two women actually knew one another and suggested that Mr. Livingstone may have made it up in an attempt to inflate his status or protect his job." [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
 - Q: Now, you said Craig Livingstone had this job because who wanted him to have the job?

Sculimbrene: Mrs. Clinton is apparently a friend of Craig's mother.

Q: Mrs. Clinton is a friend of Craig's mother?



Sculimbrene: Yes. And that is why Bill Kennedy told me he was stuck with Craig.

Q: Let me ask you, though, do you have any--do you remember any conversations where you were told that Mr. Livingstone got that job because he was connected with Mrs. Clinton?

Sculimbrene: Yes. Kennedy told me that.

[Sculimbrene Interview before the Senate Judiciary Committee, 6/19/96]

- Sculimbrene's FBI interview report states that Mr. Bernard Nussbaum was the individual who informed him (Sculimbrene) that Mr. Livingstone received his job because of a pre-existing relationship between Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Clinton.
- According to a news account, FBI agent David Bowie, who worked with Sculimbrene, wrote in an August, 1995 memo that Sculimbrene had "very bitter political feelings against the White House." Bowie further accused Sculimbrene of "irrational" behavior. [The Washington Post, 6/28/96]

Sculimbrene is involved in an employment dispute with the FBI, alleging he was discriminated against because of his handicap. (Sculimbrene suffered a severe head injury after being hit by a propeller.) Sculimbrene has been quoted by another FBI agent as saying, "he could get away with anything" because he was disabled. [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

- In a news account, Sculimbrene stated the FBI was seeking retribution for his testimony in the Dale trial. (Sculimbrene testified on behalf of Billy Ray Dale at Dale's trial for embezzlement in November of 1995.) [Wall Street Journal, 6/25/96]
- Numerous issues regarding the propriety of the actions of other FBI agents assigned to the Clinton White House have arisen over the last few years. "...the FBI post at the White House has also been the subject of considerable controversy, particularly during the Clinton administration." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
- "One of the agents who helped with White House background checks in 1994 and 1995, Halbert Gary Harlow, was charged and eventually convicted last year of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]
- Former FBI agent Gary Aldrich published a book on the Clinton White House which featured wild, unsubstantiated rumors. The book was widely criticized for making public raw FBI data. Aldrich "published his account without completing a required FBI review process." [The Washington Post, 6/29/96]

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1996

BY TELECOPY

Louis J. Freeh
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Director Freeh:

As you may know, Congressman Clinger today divulged, on the House floor, an interview report from a confidential FBI background investigation that has been declared to be false by the person who was interviewed. I am writing to you to ask how we can work together to ensure continued public confidence in the accuracy of FBI investigations.

According to Mr. Clinger's statement today, the background investigation file on Mr. Craig Livingstone includes a report by Agent Dennis Sculimbrene on a conversation he says he had with White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum concerning Mr. Livingstone's hiring. But, according to a statement issued by Mr. Nussbaum today, that conversation never took place.

This Administration and the American people have enormous confidence in the FBI, for good reason. And, the role that the agency plays in conducting background investigations and helping to ensure the suitability of appointees for their posts cannot be overstated. The President, you and the American people have a large stake indeed in the fairness and accuracy of this process.

That is why we are troubled, as we know you must be, by the implication that an FBI background investigation might include a false report. This matter is especially worrisome coming as it does on the heels of published reports of the conviction of one of the agents who did background checks at the White House on charges of falsifying at least 50 interviews that he claimed to have conducted.

It is equally troubling that a Member of Congress can publicly reveal confidential FBI information, whether for partisan purposes or otherwise. It should not escape notice that this is done at a time when Members of Congress have expressed worry that employees of the executive branch might have sought out confidential FBI information about certain individuals and

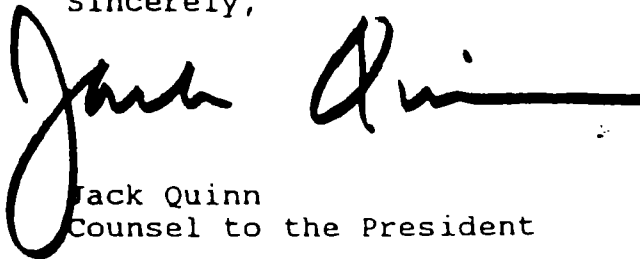


planned to somehow use it publicly. While that charge has never been established against anyone in the executive branch, we now witness the same objectionable behavior by the very people who professed to be the guardians of privacy.

It is important that we take steps to ensure continuing confidence in the confidentiality and the integrity of the FBI clearance process. I look forward to your suggestions as to how we can work with you to that end.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Quinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack Quinn
Counsel to the President

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STATEMENT OF BERNARD NUSSBAUM

I never told FBI Agent Sculimbrene, 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.

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 on 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 to 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: Gee, 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.

Ex-FBI Agent: First Lady Wanted Livingstone on Staff

'It's a Done Deal,' Counsel Allegedly Said

By George Lindner Jr.
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The Washington Post Staff Writers

A former FBI agent assigned to the White House says he was told that Craig Livingstone was named head of personnel security despite a questionable background because "Hillary wants him."

Writing in a new book, "Unlimited Access—An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House," the agent, Gary Aldrich, said then-assistant White House counsel William R. Kennedy Jr. told him in early 1993 that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton wanted Livingstone in the job.

Kennedy, Aldrich wrote, asked him what the FBI thought of Livingstone as a replacement for a longtime veteran and "in particular what the FBI would think if there were character leaves in his background."

"I responded gingerly, saying it was a post that should be filled with someone squeaky clean, before Kennedy cut me off: 'I guess I see you

point, but it doesn't matter. It's a done deal. Hillary wants him.'"

The embattled Livingstone announced his resignation Wednesday at a House hearing after a drumfire of criticism over his office's improper collection of sensitive FBI background reports on hundreds of Republicans from past administrations. One of the biggest mysteries left at the hearing was the question of who had hired Livingstone, a longtime political advance man with no background in security issues.

Aldrich was assigned to the White House to conduct background investigations for five years until he retired in June 1995. Angry in tone and laced with undocumented allegations, his book was published by a conservative house, Regnery Publishing Co. It was immediately denounced by the White House.

"On its face, this is trash for right-wing cash," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. Regnery, he said, has published books by former Los

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Angeleno police officer Steven C. Koon and the National Rifle Association's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre Jr. Fabiani said publication of the Aldrich book "is a political act with zero credibility."

Earlier this month, Aldrich wrote a short article for the Wall Street Journal's editorial page. It alleged that prominent White House employees suspected of disloyalty were in for "special" attention, "Hillary Clinton style"—such as new background investigations before they were due. As FBI agent he worked with M. Dennis Sculmbre, he alleged that White House political operatives pressed him for information contained in confidential FBI background files in an effort to root out career employees and replace them with Clinton supporters.

Those charges have led to an internal FBI investigation. The probe is focused on Aldrich's contention that he told his superior, James Bourke, that the security system at the White House had been relaxed so those loyal to the Clintons could evade background checks. If Bourke was aware of such matters, the FBI inspectors will try to determine what, if anything, he did about them, sources

said. The inquiry is also directed at Sculmbre's allegation that his FBI supervisors retaliated against him for testifying as a defense witness in the trial of fired White House travel chief Billy R. Dale. Dale was acquitted of embezzlement charges.

Sculmbre has said he now reports to the FBI offices in Tysons Corner, where he has "no work, no assignments." In an August 1995 memo, David Bowie, another FBI agent who worked on the Dale case, told FBI higher-ups that Sculmbre has "very bitter political feelings against the White House" and accused him of "irrational" behavior.

In his book, Aldrich said the new Clinton White House used temporary passes for many months to get around the need to provide the Secret Service with FBI background reports for permanent passes.

The White House counsel's office tightened security procedures in early 1994 after a review concluded that more than 100 employees were allowed to work for months without routine background investigations. White House officials acknowledged then that some White House staffers were found to have troublesome personal problems when the long-delayed investigations were finally completed.

Aldrich recounted meetings with Kennedy and with late White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster on the security problems, and said he told Foster the FBI had found character questions among staff members "in the highest levels" of the White House.

At one point, Aldrich wrote, he and Livingstone discussed the serious security problems, including staff members who should have been fired because of their backgrounds and the lack of cooperation from other White House staff members in even submitting to FBI interviews. Livingstone, wrote Aldrich, said Kennedy understood the problems but refused to deal with them.

The two men decided to go to higher-ups about the security problem, according to Aldrich. He wrote that he assumed they would discuss it with then-White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum. "Craig looked at me like I didn't have a brain, Nussbaum. It's not Nussbaum we gotta talk to. We'll be talking to Hillary."

Livingstone never mentioned the meeting with Hillary Clinton again, and it never came off, Aldrich wrote.

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