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Subject: State Dept Concern from Tom & Jay

Lisa and Maggie,

Before I forget, when we meet later this week we need to discuss what we know, and how we should delicately go about learning more about, regarding the transition plans for Secretary Clinton's departure from State.

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Tom heard (or thought he heard) from the Clinton Library Director that there are or may be plans afoot for taking her records from State to Little Rock.

Tom then got to asking questions about what we are doing to make sure everyone leaving the Administration does not leave with Federal records.

I told him we are aware of the issue and are working on it. I explained what we did at the last Administration change, how we are updating the current publication right now, and will have something to publish after the 1st of the year (along with a NARA Bulletin and webinar), going into the inauguration season. (John Hamilton and Gary Stern got to asking about this too, today.)

I also told Tom about the numerous agencies - and most of the cabinet agencies - that already have processes in place to deal with this. (Like Susan Sullivan does with our seniors who leave.)

I also described some of the particular issues that I've been personally involved with - like the Bush Administration's attempt to claw back Secretary O'Neill's records (which were actually copies approved for him to have by their GC) after he left service and wrote a critical memoir - to illustrate how "walking off with the records" is sometimes not really "walking off with the records."

Tom seemed to understand all of this, but he and Jay continued to invoke the specter of the Henry Kissinger experience vis-a-vis Hilary Clinton...(b) (5)

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Looking forward to our chat.

Thanks - Paul