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### **Hillary and Bill's Fund-Raising**

It is clear to many in the criminal system that sooner rather than later a person will go over the edge. That is just what has happened to Bill and Hillary Clinton. They have finally gone over the edge. The e-mails that have been sent by her assistants, Cheryl Mills and Huma Abedin, stated that there was a "pay to play plan" between the State Department and the Clinton Foundation.

The Clinton's began their questionable activities back in Arkansas where she lobbied for the Rose law firm, and he was Governor. There was "Trooper Gate" where the State Troopers maintained an office in the basement of the Governor's mansion for Bill's many liaisons with women.

They brought all of Bill Clinton's Little Rock shenanigans into the 1992 Presidential campaign. They almost got caught with Jennifer Flowers, but they got away with it. They were able to win the White House with the theme of "It's the economy stupid", and got less than fifty percent of the vote each time he ran.

They began to use the same questionable activities while in the White House as they had used the Arkansas Governor's mansion. Remember the whitewater land scandal, and "travel gate" where Hillary had all the White House civil servants fired so she could control where they traveled.

Hillary did well in investing \$1,000 in the futures market and made \$100,000 in a few weeks. Of course, we can all remember the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the lies as well as the "vast right wing conspiracy." There was the lying under oath, the disbarment, and the impeachment.

For a donation to the Democrat Party, one could sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom. More people slept in the Lincoln bedroom than in the Holiday Inn.

It is hard to forget that the Clintons took \$326,000 dollars worth of furniture from the White House, and settled by paying the government \$28,000.

Of course, they were "broke" when they left the White House and had to have "friends" pay for a mansion near the Vice President's home and the home in New York. They made over \$15 million on book assignments when they left.

In 1997, before he left the White House, Bill Clinton began the non-profit Foundation whose purpose was to serve people's needs. It was clear that Bill and Hillary were planning for the use of her U.S. Senate position and his Presidency to raise money for their own needs as well.

The idea of Hillary's running for President was raised in 2007, and her campaign was the way she could help Bill raise money. After all, foreign countries would want to be close to someone that was an easy winner in 2008. Unfortunately, Barrack Hussain Obama got in the way, but it was for a short time. There was a break of six months before she became Secretary of State. Her office has since proven to be a gold mine for her and Bill.

Let's look at examples. Sweden was on a black list at the State Department for going around the embargo of Iran. Bill was given \$750,000 for a speech in Sweden, and Sweden was removed from the black list. A bank in Canada that was funding the company that was building the Keystone Pipe Line was concerned that the State Department was not acting on moving ahead. Bill received \$500,000 for two speeches in Canada, and the pipeline was moved out of the Department.

There are a number of instances of this type of activity that have been written in the book and played out in the movie, "Clinton Cash" by *New York Times* reporter Peter Schweitzer.

Now we learn that e-mails from the Foundation to the Secretary of State's office prove that there was a pay-for-play operation going on at the department by arranging for appointments for donors to the Foundation. Following the appointments, money suddenly was given to the Foundation. They have identified over 100 appointments with the Foundation's receiving over \$150 million dollars. Even the Associated Press could no longer ignore what was happening.

They have finally gone over the cliff. All of the illegal things they have done have caught up with them. If Hillary is ever elected to the Presidency, the Lincoln Bedroom would become an AirB&B for donors. People and the press attack Donald Trump for saying some ridiculous things, but have nothing to say about what Hillary has done. Makes one wonder if this is fair or there is a different standard for the Clintons.