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Collusion Paranoia Gone Wild: Clinton Campaign People Thought Trump Would Collude With Russkies to Deliver Poison Handshake Before Debate

Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign staffers worried that their candidate would become the victim of the mother of all conspiracies.

The Russians, they believed, would use Donald Trump's pre-debate handshake with Clinton to deliver a potentially deadly toxin.

Of course, the real victim of a conspiracy in 2016 — the Russia Collusion Hoax — was Donald Trump. Clinton and her campaign legmen manufactured it.

Still, it appears that the Democratic crew began believing their own collusion propaganda, and thought Trump would collude with the Russkies to poison Clinton before Election Day.

Of course, it was a paranoid fantasy that probably came from at least one movie and one television program.



YouTube

Hillary Clinton should be far more paranoid about the discovery of the Clinton body bag & the exact count of dead bodies in there. Exclusive — Book: Paranoid Hillary Clinton Campaign Feared Russians Would Poison Her with Donald Trump Debate Handshake <https://t.co/hD9dy80BNj>

— Lady Tigress (@LadyConstance8) [September 28, 2022](#)

New Book

The story is in a new book by *The New York Times*' Maggie Haberman, [Confidence Man: The Making of Donald Trump and the Breaking of America](#), an excerpt of which was [obtained exclusively by Breitbart](#).

"Haberman's book uncovers that senior advisers to Clinton actually believed — in an extreme state of paranoia — that Trump would engage in some kind of secret plot with the Russians to deliver a poison to her via handshake before the third debate in 2016," Breitbart reported:

The remarkable scene, right out of the comedy *The Interview* where an entertainment show host who was set to interview a fictional Kim Jong-Un is approached by U.S. intelligence agents and taught to try to poison him during a handshake, is recounted in Haberman's book.



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Haberman explains that the “Democrats found themselves almost perpetually disoriented by autumn,” which isn’t much of a surprise — Democrats have been “perpetually disoriented” since at least the Johnson administration. But, anyway, a warning about the plot came from leftist California Senator Dianne Feinstein’s husband. “He had been told that [the] Russians might try to poison Clinton through a handshake with Trump, to inflict a dramatic health episode during the debate,” Haberman explains. Clinton didn’t believe the tale, but debate prep artist Ron Klain, now Traitor Joe Biden’s chief of staff, “wondered how Trump would poison Clinton but not himself.”

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So Clinton’s then-Communications Director, Jennifer Palmieri—who now is a co-host of the Showtime series *The Circus*—set off to investigate whether Sen. Feinstein’s husband’s concerns about Trump delivering Russian poison to Clinton during a handshake were valid.

“Her communications director, Jennifer Palmieri, took the prospect seriously enough to check it out; the warning turned out to be mere speculation from a historian with no knowledge of Russian plans,” Haberman writes.

Even though [Haberman] claims that Hillary Clinton herself did not believe the concerns, there was no handshake between Clinton and Trump during that third debate.

An obvious question is why Clinton’s people believed Feinstein’s husband, bazillionaire [Richard Blum](#). The report does not say whether the poison would have been fatal.

Clinton Smears

Haberman’s book offers more on [Clinton’s attempt](#) to smear Trump with “unverifiable attacks” sent to the *Times*, “pushing similarly shoddy attacks to the FBI.”

[Writes Haberman:](#)

Clinton and her team felt wronged—by Comey and the FBI, by the email hacks, and by the media coverage, which they believed was stacked against them. The campaign and prominent Democrats were frantic to get people to pay more attention to possible connections between Trump’s world and Russia, which the FBI had been investigating for months. A lawyer for the Clinton campaign helped seed funding for in-progress research led by a former British spy that resulted in a dossier filled with unconfirmed salacious allegations against Trump. They also focused on research into computer servers used by his company; people connected to the campaign then gave the information, claiming the Trump Organization was communicating with a Russian state bank, to the FBI. A campaign lawyer pitched my New York Times colleagues on a story about the server activity and the FBI investigation into it. But after several discussions with the reporters, the evidence did not support the incendiary claim.

That, of course, was the Russia Collusion Hoax.

TV Poison Handshake

The Interview isn’t the only program to feature a poison handshake. In the Season 2 finale of *24*, the



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highly popular program features a woman assassin who poisons the president, David Palmer, with a biological weapon.

After she shakes hands with the black president, she removes a film from her hand. Palmer's hand has what appear to be burns, and he collapses.

If Clinton really wasn't worried about a poisonous handshake with Trump, why didn't the candidate shake hands with the man who ended her political career that November?

Then again, the two didn't shake hands before the second debate, either.



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