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# **Clinton Collusion & Coverups**

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During the third and final presidential debate in October 2016, Hillary Clinton introduced her now-famous accusation that Donald Trump is "Putin's puppet." When she delivered that line, she likely never realistically suspected that he would beat her in the election, be the president, and be investigated for collusion with Russia. She probably also never imagined that she and her DNC associates would find themselves the subjects of multiple investigations from both houses of Congress as a result of the Trump-collusion investigations.



Those investigations may well prove that — among other things — it is Clinton, not Trump, who is guilty of collusion with Russia.

Clinton and the DNC got quite a bit of political play over her claim that Trump was beholden to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Her comrades in the liberal establishment media made sure of that. Even with all that, though, it was not enough to secure the votes she needed to win the election. So following the principle of dirty politics that says, "If you can't beat them, delegitimize them," Clinton and company ramped up the "Putin's puppet" rhetoric in the wake of her defeat; and have continued to ramp it up until the present. A good example of that is the fake Trump dossier that has now been shown to have been illegally bought and paid for by the Clinton campaign and the DNC (For more information on that and other Clinton election scandals, see page 21).

### **Cash and Carry**

Then, in mid-October — almost a full year after Trump defeated Clinton in the election — new reports began to emerge that the 2010 Uranium One deal between Clinton's State Department and Russian interests that transferred 20 to 25 percent of U.S. uranium to Russian control involved bribery, collusion, and coverup. *The Hill* reported on October 17, 2017 that FBI and court documents show that the Obama-era FBI (under the "leadership" of ousted FBI Director James Comey) was aware that Putin's regime in Moscow had compromised an American uranium trucking firm with bribes and kickbacks in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. And yet the deal — with Clinton's fingerprints all over it — was allowed to go through.

In an article entitled "From Russia With Love: Did Putin Put Trump in the White House?" in the February 20, 2017 issue of *The New American*, this writer addressed the evidence of "unethical, illegal, and corrupt behavior" revealed in the leaked Clinton campaign and DNC e-mails and documents published by WikiLeaks. That article — published months before *The Hill* reported on UraniumGate — said:

As secretary of state, Clinton "reset" relations with Putin's Russia, which helped the Clinton



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Foundation and its donors make millions of dollars off a deal that sold the mining company Uranium One (and 25 percent of our strategic uranium production) to Russia.

Though *The Hill* may not have "broken" the story, the new information reported by them certainly brings forth much more evidence of Clinton's collusion with Russia. And while — after more than a year of claims of Trump/Russia collusion from Democrats and their comrades in the liberal media — the "evidence" of collusion between Trump and Russia is made up of conjecture, innuendo, and insinuation, the evidence of bribes and kickbacks in the Uranium One deal is solidly supported by "a confidential U.S. witness working inside the Russian nuclear industry" who gathered "extensive financial records," made "secret recordings," and intercepted "emails as early as 2009," according to documents quoted by *The Hill*.

#### As The Hill reported:

[Investigators] also obtained an eyewitness account — backed by documents — indicating Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the U.S. designed to benefit former President Bill Clinton's charitable foundation during the time Secretary of State Hillary Clinton served on a government body that provided a favorable decision to Moscow, sources told *The Hill*.

The racketeering scheme was conducted "with the consent of higher level officials" in Russia who "shared the proceeds" from the kickbacks, one agent declared in an affidavit years later.

So while Hillary Clinton was using Russia as a bogeyman during the campaign by claiming that if Trump were elected, Putin would gain control of the United States, the reality is that she had — as Obama's secretary of state — already laid that groundwork by signing off on a deal that fattened the coffers of the Clinton Foundation, strengthened Putin's Russia, and weakened the United States. As president, she would likely have continued to build upon that foundation, doing exactly what she accused Trump of planning to do.

Oh, "Putin's puppet," thy name is Hillary.

Of course, Secretary of State Clinton was not alone in approving the Uranium One deal. The Obama administration was up to its elbows in the scandal, with the Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CFIUS) — made up of the secretaries of state, defense, the treasury, homeland security, commerce, and energy; the attorney general; and representatives of two White House offices — looking the other way and failing (or refusing) to raise any red flags over the deal and President Obama (who was the only one with the authority to stop the deal) doing nothing.

But while Clinton had company in approving the deal, she seems to have made sure to turn it into a rousing game of "pay for play" by raking in more than \$40,000,000 in "donations" for the Clinton Foundation from Russian interests involved in the deal, according to a *New York Times* report from 2015. Of course, the *Times* reported that before Clinton was the Democrat nominee and long before she lost to Trump. In the wake of *The Hill's* article, the *Times* has been oddly silent on the subject.

Newsweek, though, followed up on the report by The Hill by writing:

FBI agents also gathered documents and a witness account that Russian officials routed millions of dollars to ex-President Bill Clinton's charitable foundation while Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sat on a committee that gave a nod to the dealings with Moscow.

So Clinton sold out America to Russia, collecting millions in the process. Yet, so far, her Teflon coating



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seems to be holding up. But even Teflon can only take so much heat. And more heat — in the form of congressional probes — is coming.

#### **Insider Investigations**

In the wake of *The Hill* report on the FBI and court documents demonstrating collusion with Russia on the part of the Obama administration in general and Clinton in particular, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles "Chuck" Grassley (R-Iowa) opened his committee's hearing with Attorney General Jeff Sessions on October 18 by calling for his committee to investigate the Uranium One deal, the Obama administration, and Hillary Clinton. Grassley said, "This committee has an obligation to get to the bottom of this issue."

And Fox News reported that same day:

Grassley on Wednesday released a series of letters he fired off last week to 10 federal agencies, addressing those issues in detail and raising the question of whether the committee that approved the transaction was aware of the FBI probe. The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) included then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The following week, top House Republicans announced two new congressional probes into the Obama administration in general and Clinton in particular. When it rains, it pours — and right now, the Democrats are getting soaked.

The announcement of the two separate but related investigations was made at a press conference on October 25. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) said that a panel made up of members of the House Judiciary Committee, the House Oversight Committee, and the House Intelligence Committee has been "looking into" UraniumGate "for a while now" and decided to make the investigation official after *The Hill* reported on the government documents showing evidence of collusion.

The first investigation is focused on the Obama administration's mishandling of the Uranium One deal and the part Clinton played in approving it. With Grassley pressing for the Senate Intelligence Committee to investigate the same matter, this would mean that both houses of Congress could be digging into things that Democrats — all of their demands for uncovering collusion with Russia notwithstanding — may well wish had been left alone. Someone should have told them to be careful what they wish for. Of course, those Democrats who have been raising the roof for months demanding an end to "Russian collusion" aren't interested in actual collusion when it involves at least two of their darlings.

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