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FBI Court Filing Reveals Grand Jury Targeted Hillary Clinton

Documents contain statement on subpoena given by FBI assistant director assigned to “counterintelligence and counterespionage matters” who supervised Clinton investigation

Judicial Watch litigation resulted in a July 2016 declaration from FBI Special Agent E.W. Priestap, the supervisor of the agency’s investigation into Hillary Clinton’s email activities, stating that the former secretary of state was the subject of a grand jury investigation related to her BlackBerry email accounts.

The declaration was produced in response to Judicial Watch’s lawsuit

seeking to force Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to take steps to “recover emails of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton” and other U.S. Department of State employees (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rex Tillerson* (No. 1:15-cv-00785)). The lawsuit originally was filed against then-Secretary of State John Kerry. The Trump State Department filing includes details of the agency’s continuing refusal to refer the Clinton email issue to the Justice Department, as the law requires.

In the court filing, Priestap declares under penalty of perjury that

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Hillary Clinton

JW Seeks Records On Soros’ Open Society Foundation–Macedonia



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George Soros

USAID website reports it gave \$4,819,125 in taxpayer money to Soros’s Open Society Foundation–Macedonia from 2012 to 2016

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for records and communications relating to the funding and political activities of the Open Society Foundation–Macedonia. The Macedonia organization, one of George Soros’ numerous Open Society Foundations, received nearly \$5 million from USAID from 2012 to 2016. The lawsuit was filed on April 19, 2017 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State and*

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the U.S. Agency for International Development (No. 1:17-cv-00729)).

The suit was filed after both the State Department and USAID failed to respond to a February 16, 2017, FOIA request seeking:

- All records related to any grants, contracts, or disbursements of funds by the Department of State to the Open Society Foundation–Macedonia and/or any of the Foundation’s subsidiaries. This request includes all related requests for funding, payment authorizations or similar records, as well as all related records of communication between any official, employee or representative of the Department of State and any official, employee or representative of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Any records of communication between any official, employee or representative of the Department of State and any officer, employee or representative of the Open Society Foundation–Macedonia and/or any of the Foundation’s affiliated organizations. This request includes responsive records of communication sent from or directed to U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia Jess L. Baily.
- All analyses or similar records regarding the political

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activities of the Open Society Foundation–Macedonia and/or any of the Foundation’s affiliated organizations.

- All messages transmitted via the State Department’s SMART [computer records] system sent from any U.S. Government employee or contractor operating under the Chief of Mission’s authority at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje that pertain to the Open Society Foundation–Macedonia and/or any of the Foundation’s affiliated organizations.

The USAID website reports that between February 27, 2012 and August 31, 2016, USAID gave \$4,819,125 in taxpayer money to Soros’s Open Society Foundation–Macedonia (FOSM), in partnership with four local civil society organiza-

tions. The USAID’s website links to www.soros.org.mk and says the project trained hundreds of young Macedonians “on topics such as freedom of association, youth policies, citizen initiatives, persuasive argumentation and use of new media.”

In February, Judicial Watch reported:

The U.S. government has quietly spent millions of taxpayer dollars to destabilize the democratically elected, center-right government in Macedonia by colluding with leftwing billionaire philanthropist George Soros, records obtained by Judicial Watch show. Barack Obama’s U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia, Jess L. Baily, has worked behind the scenes with Soros’ Open Society Foundation to funnel large sums of American dollars for the cause, constituting an interference of the U.S. Ambassador in domestic political affairs in violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Here’s how the clandestine operation functions, according to high-level sources in Macedonia and the U.S. that have provided Judicial Watch with records as part of an ongoing investigation. The Open Society Foundation has established and funded dozens

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USAID website description of Soros’ Civil Society Project

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Start date: February 27, 2012 **End Date:** August 31, 2016
Project budget (Life of Project): \$4,819,125
Implementer: Foundation Open Society – Macedonia (FOSM), in partnership with four local civil society organizations (CSOs): the Youth Educational Forum; Forum – Center for Strategic Research and Documentation; the Center for Civil Communications; and Reactor – Research in Action.

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of leftwing, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Macedonia to overthrow the conservative government. One Macedonian government official interviewed by Judicial Watch in Washington D.C. recently, calls it the “Soros infanry.” The groups organize youth movements, create influential media outlets and organize violent protests to undermine the institutions and policies implemented by the government. One of the Soros’ groups funded the translation and publication of Saul Alinsky’s “Rules for Radicals” into Macedonian. The book is a tactical manual of subversion, provides direct advice for radical street protests and proclaims Lucifer to be the first radical. Thanks to Obama’s ambassador, who has not been replaced by President Trump, Uncle Sam keeps the money flowing so the groups can continue operating and recruiting, sources in Macedonia and the U.S. confirm.

According to InsidePhilanthropy.com, Soros’ Open Society Foundation “may be the largest philanthropic organization ever built, with branches in 37 countries. While the Gates Foundation spends more money, OSF has a larger footprint worldwide thanks to its many local offices, including throughout Africa. OSF’s budget will



be around \$930 million ...”

The activities of Ambassador Bailey and USAID’s funding of the Open Society Foundation have recently come under congressional scrutiny. On January 17, 2017, Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) sent a letter to Baily asking him to explain the State Department’s relationship with Open Society Foundation. On February 24, 2017, Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ), Louie Gohmert (R-TX) and others called on the Government Accountability Office to conduct an investigation and audit of the Department of State and USAID’s activities in Macedonia, including funding of Open Society Foundation entities and potential interference in domestic Macedonian political affairs in potential violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

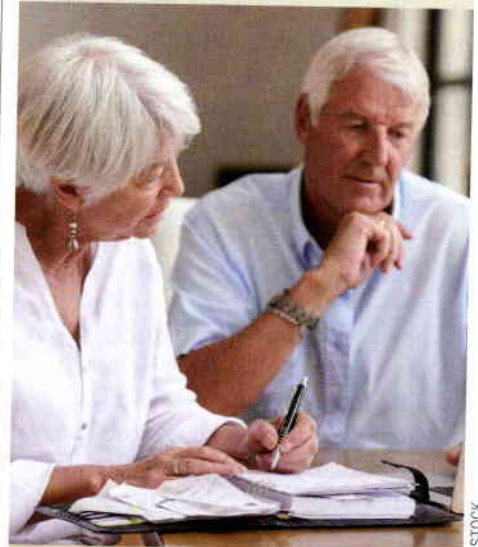
“The Obama administration seemed to bust taxpayer budgets in an effort to fund the Soros operation,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The Trump State Department and USAID should get their act together and disclose the details of the Obama-Soros spigot.” **JW**



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