

HillaryGate: Lawmakers Urge Criminal Probe of Senior Obama Officials including Clinton, Comey, McCabe, Lynch

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Investigative journalist <u>Sara Carter</u> broke the story, saying 11 congressional lawmakers made what's called a criminal referral to **Attorney General Jeff Sessions**.

They called for investigating **Hillary Clinton**, **James Comey**, **Andrew McCabe**, **Loretta Lynch** and others, their dubious conduct and abuses of power gone unpunished.

In a letter to Sessions, they said

"(w)e write to refer the (designated) individuals for investigation of potential violation(s) of federal statutes."

"(W)e are especially mindful of the dissimilar degrees of zealousness that has marked the investigations into Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the presidential campaign of Donald Trump, respectively."

"Because we believe that those in positions of high authority should be treated the same as every other American, we want to be sure that the potential violations of law outlined below are vetted appropriately."

The fabricated Christopher Steele doggy dossier, financed by Hillary and the DNC, was cited as "present(ing) false and/or unverified information to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC)."

The dossier made spurious accusations without evidence, alleging misconduct and collusion between Trump, his campaign team and Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign – including phony accusations of Russian US election interference.

Lawmakers cited DOJ and FBI personnel involved in obtaining FISC warrant authorization "based on unverified and/or false information for possible violation(s) of 18 USC 242 and 18 USC 1505 and 1515b."

They referred to the explosive January Devin Nunes memo, revealing extensive FISA abuses by high-level US officials – naming former FBI director **James Comey**, former deputy FBI director **Andrew McCabe** and current deputy attorney general **Rod Rosenstein**.

A March letter Nunes sent to Jeff Sessions was also mentioned. According to lawmakers, Comey "engaged in questionable conduct vis-a-vis **President Donald Trump**."

He "wrote memoranda detailing alleged conversations between himself and President Trump, creating 'a paper trail' for 'documenting what he perceived as the president's improper efforts to influence a continuing investigation.'

A previous article said he disgraced the office he held, mocking legal, moral and ethical standards – including involvement in the witch-hunt Russiagate probe, along with letting Hillary off the hook for serious wrongdoing.

He remains unaccountable for major offenses, cashing in handsomely from his mistitled "A Higher Loyalty" book published this week.

He claimed material in the book came personal recollections of discussions with Trump, admitting inclusion of some classified material.

The 1974 Privacy Act governs the collection, maintenance, use and dissemination of personal information maintained by federal agencies.

It prohibits disclosing it without written consent, stating:

"No (federal) agency shall disclose any record which is contained in a system of records by any means of communication to any person, or to another agency, except pursuant to a written request by, or with the prior written consent of, the individual to whom the record pertains."

All federal agencies must prevent unauthorized release of personal records.

FBI policy prohibits staff from releasing "any information acquired by virtue of (their) official employment (to) unauthorized individual(s) without prior official written authorization" from the agency.

Releasing information related to ongoing investigations and sensitive operations is prohibited without written permission.

All material related to official agency business remains government property.

According to the lawmakers,

"Comey leaked classified information (without authorization) when sharing (it) with (Columbia University) Professor (Daniel) Richman."

He leaked it to the media, remaining unaccountable for the action along with Comey.

Hillary was criminally referred to the DOJ "for potential violation(s) of 52 USC 30121 and 52

USC 30101."

Former attorney general Loretta Lynch was criminally referred to the DOJ for "her decision to threaten with reprisal the former FBI informant, William Douglas Campbell, who first came forward in 2016 with insight into the sale of the Canadian firm Uranium One, which controlled nearly 20 percent of uranium mining interests in the United States," Carter reported.

According to congressional lawmakers, Lynch's criminal referral was for potentially violating "18 USC 1505 and 1515b."

Will Jeff Sessions act responsibly on any or all of the above? Rarely ever are federal officials held accountable for their lawless actions – never for naked aggression, the highest of high crimes.

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