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Obama Caught in Middle of Unseemly Spat Over Clinton Emails

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest clamor over Hillary Clinton's emails has put Barack Obama in a spot where no president wants to be: caught between his attorney general, his FBI director and his preferred White House successor.

With accusations of political interference flying, Obama is trying to keep his distance as an internal government spat bursts into public view. In a bit of unwelcome irony, Obama's strict adherence to the notion of judicial independence, preached throughout his years in office, has hamstrung his efforts to defend Clinton against a GOP onslaught.

Democrats hope Obama's hands-off approach to the FBI forms a powerful contrast to Trump, whose insistence that Clinton should be in prison seems to skip a few steps of due process. But on Monday, White



President Barack Obama waves from the stairs of Air Force One Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, as he arrives in Columbus, Ohio.

House spokesman Josh Earnest was left to explain how Obama could be silent about an explosive issue.

"I'll neither defend nor criticize what Director Comey has decided to communicate to the public about this investigation," Earnest said, referring to FBI Director James Comey. During an hour-plus-long briefing that focused almost exclusively on Comey's decision, Earnest used some version of that formulation — "neither defend nor criticize" — 10 times.

Criticism of Comey has mushroomed since his Friday bombshell, announced in a letter to Congress: The FBI is investigating more emails related to Clinton to see whether they contain classified information.

New Email Discovery Raises Question: Why Didn't Abedin Know?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The discovery of another cache of emails potentially important to the FBI's investigation of Hillary Clinton's email practices raises an immediate question: How could close Clinton adviser Huma Abedin have been unaware of their existence?

The emails were found on found on a computer seized during an unrelated investigation involving Abedin's estranged husband, disgraced former New York congressman Anthony Weiner. He is being investigated in connection with online communications with a teenage girl.

It's possible that Abedin did not know about the emails on Weiner's computer, forgot about them or for some other reason did not turn them over.

In a sworn deposition taken in June as part of a lawsuit filed by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch, Abedin was asked about what devices she had used to send or receive messages from her account on the clintonemail.com server. As part of the process in 2015 of returning her work-related emails to the State Department, Abedin said she "looked for all the devices that may have any of my State Department" work and provided two laptops and a Blackberry to her lawyers for review.

Abedin made no mention of there being additional devices where her emails might have been saved.

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POIC Visit

A group of students from Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center visited *The Skanner News* last week. Pictured here are Richard (front, left), Jade, Angie, journalism instructor Delphine Criscenzo, language arts instructor Andrew Guerron, Oscar (left, center row), Jacob, Nick, Elijan, Carlos and Nick.

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