

Thank-you, Mr. Chairman. I actually had questions for the guys who aren't here, but I just want to walk the committee through a few things. We can put up the slide, that would be good. And this is where the Chairman was earlier when Mr. Thornton and Mr. Combetta were here. This is an email we think either one of those guys. One of those guys sent it and/or received it. And I just want to read this – look at the date first. August 2015 -- a lot of things happened before that date, but, “Wondering how we can sneak an email in now after the fact asking them when they told us to cut the backups and have them confirm it for our records. Starting to think this whole thing really is covering up” a lot of bad stuff. They wanted something in writing because they knew they were going to get thrown under the bus later on. We know that they had to change the backup structure because look at the FBI report, page 18: Cheryl Mills instructed someone (name is redacted) at Platte River Network to modify the email retention policy on Clinton's clintonemail.com email account. She wanted to get rid of anything after 60 days. So we know they were instructed to do it, they just wanted something in writing. Let's just walk through some history here: From the FBI report: July 2014. At the request of Cheryl Mills, Platte River Networks remotely transfers all Hillary Clinton emails to Cheryl Mills' and Heather Samuelson's laptops. These laptops later have BleachBit applied to them, and stuff is deleted. What happened right before that? What happened right before July 2014? Again, go to the report. Page 15 of the report: During the summer of 2014, Cheryl Mills is given a heads up by the State Department that there would be a letter coming requesting all Hillary Rodham Clinton's emails. Jump forward to December...Cheryl Mills requests Platte River Networks change the email retention policy on her account – what I just read. What happened right before that? What prompted this change? December 2: Chairman of the Benghazi Committee Trey Gowdy sends a letter to David Kendall, says hey we just found out about this other account – we didn't know at the time it was the only account – this other account that Hillary Clinton has. We'd like the information, any email relating to the Benghazi situation, from that account. And of course, right after that, they changed the policy and Platte River Networks is instructed to delete anything after 60 days. And now we move forward to the amazing month. The one the chairman sited in his opening remarks. March 2015. March 2, New York Times reports she's got just this one email account, this private server situation. March 3, Mr. Gowdy sends a preservation letter telling them to preserve everything that might be relevant to our investigation. March 4 there is a subpoena. March 9, Platte River Networks is put on notice about the preservation order. March 10, she does her press conference. And of course the important dates, March 25 and March 31. Those two dates there are conference calls with Clinton lawyers – Bill Clinton's lawyers and Hillary Clinton's lawyers – and Platte River Networks. And of course, on the 31st of that month, is when they take BleachBit to the whole darn thing, and they get rid of everything. They get rid of everything. So, now we have two guys – well three guys – one on the front end, Mr. Pagliano, who helped Mr. Cooper set it up take the Fifth and get immunity, and now we have two guys on the tail end, right? Mr. Combetta and Mr. Thornton. Didn't work for the government, they take the Fifth and Mr. Combetta at least, gets immunity. Go back to the date again. August 2015. These guys are starting to wonder, wow we don't have anything in writing. We've been given all these instructions – verbally, phone calls, conference calls – all these instructions to change the backup, delete things, erase things, BleachBit things, take hammers to things, all these instructions. We don't have anything in writing. We might be in trouble. And guess what? They are. That's the story. And, that's why it's appropriate, Mr. Cummings, for the chairman to invite

them in here today and see if they would finally answer somebody's questions. Mr. Gowdy's just right. He's exactly right. They'll talk to the people who can put them in jail, but they won't talk to Congress. They'll talk to the Justice Department – Mr. Pagliano, Mr. Combetta will talk to the Justice Department, but they won't talk to us. We can't put them in jail. We just want to get answers for the American people, and they won't talk to us. I've never seen anything like this, Mr. Chairman, where you get – and we talked about this yesterday – no regular American can get away with the kind of behavior Secretary Clinton gets away with. Two standards now in the country, and this is what is so wrong and this is why the hearings you're having and the investigation we're doing is entirely appropriate. And with that I yield back.