

# 7th floor group

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The **7th Floor Group** was a group of top US State Department officials who met regularly on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Harry S. Truman Building in Washington, DC. The FBI referred to the group as a "shadow government" inside the State Department, which briefly attracted the attention of commercially-controlled media.<sup>[1]</sup> The group appears to have formed around Hillary Clinton, although no direct evidence has yet emerged to tie her to the group. Most if not all remaining members had their employment terminated on 17 February 2017.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## 7th floor group

(Deep state milieu?) **H.C.**  



The 7th floor of the Harry S. Truman Building

<b>Extinction</b>	17 February 2017
<b>Headquarters</b>	7th Floor, Harry S. Truman Building, Washington DC, USA
<b>Interests</b>	censorship

## Official narrative



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The group was exposed on 17 October 2016 by a reference in an FBI investigation report into Hillary Clinton's private email server.<sup>[3]</sup> A Wikipedia user created a page on the group, but it was speedily deleted on 8 November 2016, after a vote yielded 9 votes to 'Delete' and 1 (anonymous) one to 'Keep'.<sup>[4]</sup>

### Deletion from Wikipedia

In spite of the FBI's reference to it as a "shadow government", the group was not deemed a "non-notable conspiracy theory" with a "lack of reliable secondary sources".<sup>[5]</sup> Although as a corporate controlled media outlet, CNBC is deemed reliable, their breaking of the story<sup>[6]</sup> was treated as a *primary* source, since a Wikiedia rule states that "All breaking news stories, without exception, are primary sources..."<sup>[5]</sup> i.e. Since corporate media only ran *one* story on this topic, it is not suitable for Wikipedia.

### Membership

- Hillary Clinton?
- Jonathan Finer
- Heather Higginbottom
- Julia Frifield
- Roberta Jacobson
- Patrick Kennedy
- John Kerry
- Cheryl D. Mills
- Julissa Reynoso
- Jennifer Stout
- Jacob Sullivan
- Lona Valmoro

A set of officials who met at the top of the US State Department to discuss the control of information. Termed by the FBI a "shadow government". Ignored by corporate media. Deleted by Wikipedia.

## Exposure

The group was exposed on 17 October 2016 by a reference in an FBI investigation report arising from the Hillary Clinton email controversy. Interest has been heightened by the fact that FBI documents refer to it as a "shadow government" inside the US State Department.<sup>[1]</sup> As of November 2016, only one other reference to

the group was known in the public record, an email by Roberta S. Jacobson to her "7th floor colleagues."<sup>[7]</sup>

## Activities

The 7th Floor Group met on Wednesday afternoons and discussed FOIA requests and the Congressional record in order to contain particularly sensitive information, and how best to release other information.<sup>[8]</sup> CNBC reported in October 2016 that the group had "argued for a Clinton document release to be conducted all at once "for coordination purposes" instead of on a rolling basis as would normally be the case".<sup>[9]</sup>

## Censorship of official reports

A 2015 report for *The Washington Examiner* was entitled "State Department Inspector General officials edited out passages of a high-profile report in [February] 2013 that could have embarrassed Hillary Clinton just days before she quit President Obama's Cabinet." This compared a report published in 2013 with earlier drafts that were provided by whistleblower Richard Higbie. The *Examiner* states that "The unexplained gaps in the final version, and the removal of passages that would have damaged the State Department, call into question the independence of Harold Geisel, who was State's temporary inspector general throughout Clinton's four years at the head of the department."<sup>[10]</sup>

One such passage, present in the draft but not in the final report states that "Sources reported that a senior '7th Floor' Department official ordered [diplomatic security] to stop the investigation of an ambassador accused of pedophilia, and another such senior official had [diplomatic security] stop an investigation of an ambassador-designate".<sup>[10]</sup>

## Facilities

The Secretary's suite was a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility which also had a DSS security detachment outside of the office.

## Attendance

Meetings are attended by the Secretary of State John Kerry, Deputy Chief of Staff Jennifer Stout, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, Kennedy, Assistant Secretary Julia Frifield, and unnamed members of the Office of the Legal Adviser.<sup>[11]</sup>

Hillary Clinton is not *known* to have attended their meetings, but this inference seems highly plausible considering that some names were redacted from the FBI document, Hillary's office was also located on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of the US State Department Headquarters, where she is known to have met with her top advisers, including Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Purge

The group appears to have been disbanded by Donald Trump's administration. On 17 February 2017, CBS reported that "Much of seventh-floor staff, who work for the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources and the Counselor offices, were told today that their services were no longer needed."<sup>[2]</sup>

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