

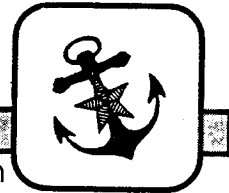
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Starboard Views



By Al Woodson



The case against Clinton

Ships Log: Friday, Oct. 4: Location: Transiting close to Whitewater, Travelgate and Filegate whirlpools. Situation: Skipper Clinton denies he's a "closet liberal." Citizen Dole gaining in the polls. Clinton continues to stonewall calls for release of his medical records and suppresses Pentagon-commissioned report showing his drug strategy has failed. Attempt to overturn Clinton's veto of partial birth killings fails in Senate by nine votes. Weather: More stormy seas ahead.

General Quarters: The case against Clinton:

Scandal update number one: Whitewater — now comes the Inspector General (IG) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) investigation report that says Hillary Clinton and former law partner performed work for Madison S&L that resulted in substantial commissions to Seth Ward, Hubbell's father-in-law, that "evaded regulations designed to protect" Madison's depositors and taxpayers and "violated the integrity of Madison's books and records." Translated — an unlawful transfer of \$300,000 to Ward based on legal work by Mrs. Clinton and Hubbell.

Mark R. Levin, president of Landmark Legal Foundation, states in an article in the Sept. 26 "Washington Times:" "Either the FDIC's inspector general is wrong, or Mrs. Clinton has been lying to the American People and federal investigators for months about her role in helping to loot

Madison, rip off its depositors, and divert taxpayer-insured funds to Mr. Ward."

Convicted felon Susan McDougal was marched away to jail for refusing to answer yes or no to grand jury questions of Bill Clinton's truthfulness about the \$300,000 loan in the McDougals' and Jim Guy Trucker's trial.

According to the Landmark Legal Foundation, the law says: 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1621: "Whoever lies under oath shall be fined up to \$2,000 and imprisoned up to five years for each offense. And, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1623: "Whoever lies to a grand jury shall be fined up to \$10,000 and imprisoned up to five years for each offense."

Scandal update number two: Travelgate — on Sept. 18, the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee released a 21-page summary of findings of its two-year investigation into the travel office firings. The report says President Clinton engaged in an "unprecedented misuse" of executive power and executive privilege and obstructed inquiries into the affair by Congress and that Hillary Rodham Clinton "asserted pressure on senior White House staff" to fire the seven workers.

The report also stated the White House "misused and manipulated" the FBI in accusing travel office workers of criminal conduct to further its political agenda. In plain English, the travel office workers were "framed" by the Clintons.

Again, the law says: 18 U.S.C. Sec. two: "Whoever aids or fur-

thers a criminal act has also committed a crime." And, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001: "Making a false statement to federal investigators is a crime punishable by up to \$10,000 and imprisonment of up to five years for each offense."

Scandal update number three: Filegate — The Senate Judiciary Committee is looking for Mari Anderson, the former executive assistant to D. Craig Livingstone, who is in hiding to avoid testifying about a six-month gap in her looseleaf log records of names of Clinton administration officials who checked out FBI files from Livingstone's office in the White House.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the committee, said, "... sooner or later we're going to bring her in here to testify." Livingstone can offer no explanation for the log's gap. Tony Marceca's taking the "fifth" and Anderson is running. Question: Is she hiding from Clinton or the Senate?

Finally, the law says: 18 U.S.C. Sec. 371: "If two or more persons conspire to commit a crime, and one or more take steps toward actually committing the crime, each shall be fined up to \$10,000 and imprisoned up to five years for each offense."

As well as the Paula Jones case, it's this writer's opinion that Clinton's "bridge to the future" is paved with an indictment, conviction, disgrace, and jail time.

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Clinton includes actions on issues that don't merit a vote for his reelection: Clinton's veto of partial birth abortions; the highest tax increase in history; his arm-twisting defeat of the "balanced budget amendment;" his failure to put forth a balanced budget; his veto of Medicare reform; his failure in the war on drugs; Clinton's attempt to take over health care and eliminate choice of one's doctor; cuts in the military and failure to provide a missile defense system; failure to support a parents' right of school choice for his or her children; his support for left-wing standards in the "Goals 2000" program; his

unfair big-brother targeted "tax-breaks" for selected groups based on the government's idea of approved behavior; his opposition to Medical Savings Accounts (MSA's) that would permit seniors to choose their own medical care; and, his veto of increases in student loans and the school lunch program contained in the Republicans' balanced budget bill.

Galley Gossip: Seaman Salty asks, "Who says character doesn't matter?"

Ships Log: Godspeed until next time.

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