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Thanks to all who worked on this.

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AG Lynch –

We are holding on the statement for now. Given that there wasn’t any follow-up in the press avail, we will keep you posted as things develop. Thank you.

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AG Lynch -

Please see below all of the TV clips from tonight. As you can see, they are still rolling in so we will send an updated version in the morning.

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Also, 'The Kelly File' just previewed a segment on it and used a clip from today's presser:

The Kelly File
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MEGYN KELLY: ...Plus, attorney general of the United States is supposed to be leading a criminal investigation of Hillary Clinton. So why did she have a closed-door meeting today with Mrs. Clinton's husband? We, "The Kelly File," caught up with Attorney General Loretta Lynch and got to ask her. And she was not happy. Stay tuned for that.

[FOX QUESTION FROM THE PRESS CONFERENCE]: You don't believe that gives off the appearance of any impropriety while your agency is investigating his wife?

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Thanks,

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Department of Justice
TV Clips: AG Lynch Visits Los Angeles as Part of Community Policing Tour
As of June 29, 2016, at 9:25 p.m. ET


BILL O’REILLY: In the personal story segment tonight, a very interesting situation. I just have the notes here. Okay. So apparently the Phoenix airport, there was a meeting for 30 minutes. That’s a fairly long meeting between President Clinton, all right, and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Now, this took place earlier this week and, as you know, the attorney general is investigating Hillary Clinton. Here’s what the AG said.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH: I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport as I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels.

O’REILLY: Wow. So, Eboni Williams and Monica Crowley join us. I was surprised. Weren’t you surprised? 30 minutes. I could see hey, how are you, you have got to be polite. They know each other. 30 minutes about the grandchildren?

MONICA CROWLEY: Here’s what’s interesting we are just hearing about it today on Wednesday. Apparently this meeting took place on Monday. So 48 hours has gone by since we have heard about it. The Attorney General said it was social, that they talked about their grandchildren and President Clinton’s golf game in Phoenix.

O’REILLY: Yeah, golf.

CROWLEY: Sort of like Mrs. Clinton’s deleted emails were all about her yoga schedule and Chelsea’s wedding.

O’REILLY: No. You are creeping into that partisan realm here, what do you say?

CROWLEY: I know we can’t speculate because we weren’t on the plane. This is highly irrelevant.

EBONI WILLIAMS: Loretta Lynch is the chief law enforcement officer of our country. What’s very important is the importance of impropriety. Credibility is very important. To Monica’s point it’s hard for intelligent people that the president waited on the tarmac for her to arrive to discuss this. Even if it’s true what does it tells us. He doesn’t care at all about her credibility but she should care.
O'REILLY: I think that you absolutely hit it. That the appearance, when you are under- when you are supervising an investigation, for 30 minutes, and then you don't really say anything right away, she should have.

CROWLEY: You have to avoid the conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest.

O'REILLY: Or the appearance of-

CROWLEY: This isn't just any target.

O'REILLY: You know, but it makes me feel bad.

CROWLEY: You know it’s the former Secretary of State, who is the presumptive democratic nominee for president.

O'REILLY: Here’s what makes me feel bad. I don't want to call Loretta Lynch a liar. I don't. I actually admired the woman when she was here in New York City as a U.S. Attorney because she did some very, very good work that went against the political grain. Alright? And I was happy when she was nominated. So- but, in this case, I mean, she made a mistake. Right. A big mistake.

WILLIAMS: It's up to her, Bill. She has to protect her credibility at all cost.

O'REILLY: But it's shot now, isn't it, Eboni? Isn't it shot now?

WILLIAMS: It’s being chipped away at is how I would analyze it.

O'REILLY: I mean it's really damaged.

WILLIAMS: It's being damaged more and more.

O'REILLY: It’s really damaged.

CROWLEY: It raises a red flag. Getting on the plane and spending 30 minutes with Bill Clinton-

O'REILLY: A lot of Americans feel that this investigation is in the tank anyway. Alright?

WILLIAMS: That’s why she has to be delicate. But it can be rehabilitated, Bill. If you’re right and if it’s tanked now, it’s a way to rehabilitate one’s credibility. And I think she has to work on that moving forward.

O'REILLY: And we will continue on this story. Thank you, ladies. Miller on Deck. A bizarre story.

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BILL O'REILLY: And tomorrow, we're going to look into this Loretta Lynch thing-Bill Clinton thing. This bothers me, you know. Very serious investigation going on with Hillary Clinton and the attorney general overseas it. And you're meeting with Mrs. Clinton's husband for 30 minutes in an airport hangar and you don't say anything about it for two days? Not good. So we are on it. We're on it. We'll have all of the details. No speculation tomorrow. Thank you for watching us tonight. I'm Bill O'Reilly. Please remember that the spin stops here. We're looking out for you.

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LOU DOBBS: I want to get your reaction to Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Bill Clinton meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Actually, boarding one of the private aircraft of the two and talking - a private meeting. How inappropriate that appears to be and what the implications are.

ED ROLLINS: Well certainly it appears to be very inappropriate at this particular time. Particularly because the Benghazi report just came through and particularly where she is going to basically have an FBI report coming to her very soon and it's basically going to have a big impact on his wife. And to basically say 'all we did was sit down to have a cup of coffee and talk about our grandkids is not believable.

DOBBS: And what in the world is, you know, this country to do waiting now almost a year, on the FBI to complete an investigation that it began in earnest with 100- reportedly 100 and some odd agents involved. What are we supposed to do with the presumptive nominee of Democratic Party under federal investigation and most- most saying on the face of it all that she has violated regulations that were put in place. Therefore she is, by law, she is breaking laws.

ROLLINS: The FBI director and the Justice Department - the people who are going to question her - apparently are ready. They've asked for the sessions. She obviously claims she's busy, but you know, this is a very important thing to the country. And the quicker we get it done the better we will be and she will be if she does not get indicted.

DOBBS: She is very fortunate in so many ways that I am not director of the FBI. Telling me that you are busy probably wouldn't be the answer that I would be most sympathetic with. I don't know about James Comey but-

ROLLINS: Well, they certainly are prepared to question her. And they certainly know what the facts and figures of this whole issue are. So, we'll see.

DOBBS: Alright, Ed Rollins, always great to have you. Thank you.

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LOU DOBBS: Attorney General Loretta Lynch, tonight, under fire after she met with President
Bill Clinton in Phoenix earlier this week. This comes as Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the Department of Justice over her email scandal, yet the attorney general of United States claims their meeting was simply a crossing of paths.

AG LORETTA LYNCH: I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix Airport as I was leaving. And he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane, but there was no discussion of any matter pending before the department or any matter pending before any other body. There was no discussion of Benghazi, no discussion of the State Department e-mails by way of example.

DOBBS: You wonder if as a prosecutor she would have balked at what she just said. It'd be an interesting answer.

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JOSH ELLIOTT: Attorney General Loretta Lynch confirms she had an impromptu discussion with Former President Bill Clinton Monday night at the Phoenix Airport. The former president boarded her government plane. Lynch's Justice Department is investigating the handling of classified information on Hillary Clinton's private e-mail server. Lynch says the two did not discuss the investigation.

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GRETAVAN SUSTEREN: What's this? A private meeting on a private plane. Talking about former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch meeting on the ground private plane in Phoenix airport. The meeting was yesterday. Just hours before the release of the Benghazi report and the local Phoenix ABC station got a tip that the meeting was going to happen. After the meeting at a news conference, attorney general Lynch confirmed the meeting with the president had taken place.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH: When I was landing at the airport I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport. As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a United States deal about his grandchildren there was no discussion about any matter pending before the department or any matter pending before any no discussion of Benghazi or State Department emails by way of example.

VAN SUSTEREN: Radio host and editor and chief of Lifezette Laura Ingraham goes "on the record."

LAURA INGRAHAM: That's no big deal, Greta. You guys are conspiracy you think something happened theorists. At this meeting? Who knows maybe they were just discussing
Van Susteren: It's unbelievable how tone deaf either one of them are on this. Investigating the emails and server and everything else and criminal investigation according to Josh Earnest at the White House and you got the president of the United States married to a candidate who is being investigated and they meet privately on airplane even if it's 100 percent innocent. How could you be so tone deaf?

Ingraham: Well it goes back to all the problems in the Clinton scandals during his time in the White House. Everyone always said how can he be this stupid and we learn more on this secret service agent's book of how stupid he was and how just blatant he was about not just appearance of impropriety but actual impropriety. People walking in on him when he was with other people. I don't know why any of us are surprised. There is a brazen effort to undermine sorry U.S. law and at the very least the appearance of impropriety and ethical considerations which you and I know as lawyers people take very seriously.

Van Susteren: We have got the head of the investigation and the spouse of the person who something investigated. She is being investigated I don't know did she is the target. Meeting on a private plane for 30 minutes.

Ingraham: The appearance of a conflict can be just as damaging and poisonous to a case at times as a conflict itself. An actual conflict. That's why you avoid situations like this. The last thing they need is any further undermining of the objectivity of this investigation which of course called a security review until she was corrected by the FBI director. I don't know what they are talking about security reviews. This is an actual investigation. The appearance of a conflict of interest of Lynch now, I think there is no doubt about it.

Van Susteren: What do you think Obama is thinking tonight, finding out that his chief lawyer did this and what do you think Secretary Hillary Clinton is thinking about the fact that her husband met with her and this is.

Ingraham: Depends on if she asked him to talk to her. I mean, who knows.

Van Susteren: I can't believe she would be that stupid. Honestly.

Ingraham: How would you be stupid enough to find out no one was going to find out about a private email server at a time where when your family foundation was soliciting donations from foreign governments. That is like the definition of stupid. Yet, she did that.

Van Susteren: It's amazing to me. It's though they are giving their political opponents ammunition every single day.

Ingraham: Every single day we find out about emails held back or other witnesses taking the fifth. Again, it just adds to the public's lack of belief and good faith in this investigation. And today was just another instance of it being chipped away again and again it's not surprising given the Clintons and their brazen behavior.

Josh Earnest: The president when discussing this issue in each stage has reiterated his
commitment to this principle that any criminal investigation should be conducted independent of any sort of political interference and that people should be treated the same way before the law regardless of their political influence. Regardless of their political party, regardless of their political stature and regardless of what political figure has endorsed them.

INGRAHAM: Think of the power of the former President of the United States in a private meeting with anybody. And he is a big deal figure. And who knows what was said, Greta. Maybe nothing. Maybe it was all about baby clothes.

VAN SUSTEREN: It doesn't even matter what was said. That's the thing. It could be totally innocent. It really doesn't matter because it's so profoundly –

INGRAHAM: It shows you how disconnected they are from public perception or any concern of public perception or integrity in the investigation.

VAN SUSTEREN: She should know better, too.

INGRAHAM: Yes, she should. After that appearance down in Orlando, I'm not surprised by that either.

VAN SUSTEREN: Laura, thank you.

INGRAHAM: Thanks.

VAN SUSTEREN: Should Loretta Lynch recuse herself take herself off the case in the email investigation. Ted Williams and former prosecutor Katie Phang. Ted, first to you. As the chief lawyer on this case and criminal investigation, should she take herself off it?

TED WILLIAMS: Let me say my friend, Laura Ingraham is too nice in regards to what she has had to say. I think the Attorney General has compromised the integrity of any independent decision that she could make in this investigation. Greta, I don't care how private or grandmotherly it was. It's the appearance. Hillary Clinton is under investigation by the FBI. Loretta Lynch is in the position where she is going to have to at some stage make a decision one way or another concerning the prosecution of Hillary Clinton. And to meet with the president's -- with the potential candidate's husband under this circumstance she needs to recuse herself and I guarantee you the drums are going to beat lookout for her to do so.

VAN SUSTEREN: Katie?

KATIE PHANG: You have to avoid the appearance of impropriety as an attorney and especially as the Attorney General of the United States. How much more important would it be for her to avoid this? She is ultimately the decision maker as to whether or not Hillary Clinton is going to be prosecuted for what happens with the Benghazi scandal. Hillary has said she is just like -- do you really think just before the Benghazi report comes out they only talked about grandchildren and golf? Think about this, guys. They are having this private meeting. They don't disclose it to anybody. If you had nothing to hide. Why not let people know from the very beginning that you met and that you talked about nothing at all.

VAN SUSTEREN: You know, what I don't understand is that this one to me isn't even close. It's not one of those gray areas.
PHANG: No.

VAN SUSTEREN: Because there is nothing -- that whole -- the thing that is so branded in all of us, the appearance of impropriety to have the person going to make the decision whether or not this goes to a grand jury, goes a step farther or not, have that person meet with the spouse of the person who is under investigation in a plane.

PHANG: Former president no less.

VAN SUSTEREN: Even if they do talk about grandchildren, this one isn't even close. What in the world was that woman thinking? I mean. What is that attorney general saying? I blame her.

WILLIAMS: When I got the call this afternoon from Cory Howell, one of your producers, the first thing I said this is stuck on stupid. you are the Attorney General for the United States. You know better. if William Jefferson Clinton.

VAN SUSTEREN: What if she doesn't know better. That's even scarier.

WILLIAMS: This is not a dumb woman. She a smart woman. She knew she shouldn't have met with him. She tries to walk it back we met and talked about family matters. If the appearance -- it's the appearance. And this is what is going to hurt this whole thing. She needs to recuse herself.

VAN SUSTEREN: Actually the thing is we are giving them the benefit of the doubt that it was an innocent discussion. We haven't even got tonight fact that some people -- a lot are suspicious that this wasn't just an appearance of impropriety issue that there is something going down on this. But we are giving them the benefit of the doubt and absolutely all scandalized by. This I'm stuck on the fact that Ted just said that she was in bed with Bill Clinton. Putting aside, even giving it the benefit of the doubt, maybe Loretta Lynch -- actually I take back the maybe. She has got to remove herself from this case and let somebody else decide. Why allow any question into the objectivity of the ultimate investigation's results. You should never do that especially at this high level. It's a bad idea.

VAN SUSTEREN: It's not a close question to me. she should get off this case is it a close question for you, Katie?

PHANG: Not at all get off the case.

WILLIAMS: Clearly not a close question for me. She has to get off the case because, trust me, you are going to heart drums beat and see Donald Trump with something on this right away. I mean.

VAN SUSTEREN: I'm surprised we haven't heard it already the emails. I don't know one lawyer I can think of, I don't care democrat or republican, who would not be scandalized by this.

WILLIAMS: I talked to a federal judge afternoon. and he was beside himself. He said no. As a matter of fact, I talked to two federal judges and they both were beside themselves and said no, the Attorney General did not do this.

VAN SUSTEREN: See, I think that's what the viewers have to understand. Even if nothing
happened at all, the new discussion about emails or Benghazi, this was so profoundly against the code of professional responsibility.

PHANG: Exactly. The appearance of impropriety.

WILLIAMS: It smells and stinks. It's as simple as that.

VAN SUSTEREN: Ted and Katie, thank you both.

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GRETA VAN SUSTEREN: The burning political question – will the Benghazi report hurt Secretary Hillary Clinton. the "on the record" political panel is here from the New York Post, Daniel Halpern, and from the Washington Times Stephen Dinan. This private conversation on the tarmac between the Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Bill Clinton – let's assume they just talked about being grandparents. Is that appalling to the legal -- the legal world we are upset. We are outraged.

STEPHEN DINAN: We talked about this in the past imagine the FBI recommends prosecution and the Justice Department says no we are not going to pursue that after a conversation like this comes to light. that's where things get really tough for everybody. It looks bad. It looks bad no matter whether legal profession or not.

DANIEL HALPERN: It's at once appalling. At the same time it goes into Donald Trump's talking points which is that the system is corrupt. He says it on all areas. Including the legal and justice system and I think anybody would look at this and suggest something as you guys said earlier, at the very least it looks bad and I think it fits right into his narrative and really hurts Hillary Clinton.

VAN SUSTEREN: I can't get over either one of them, either the attorney general or the president doing -- even if it's just sort of.

HALPERN: You can understand why the president would want to do it the attorney general should know better.

VAN SUSTEREN: Let's face it, Clinton is a friendly type guy. He talks to everybody. that's bill Clinton should be smart enough not to do that, knowing that it feeds into his political opponents.

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KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE: Well you probably heard about this today, but if you didn't you should pay attention. The Justice Department is still investigating Hillary Clinton for possible criminal wrongdoing regarding her private e-mail server. so why would the woman in charge of that investigation meet privately with Clinton's husband? well, it happened on Monday. Here's
Attorney General Loretta Loretta Lynch.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH: I did see President Clinton at the Phoenix airport. As I was leaving and he spoke to myself and my husband on the plane. Our conversation was a great deal about his grandchildren. It was primarily social and about our travels. There was no discussion of any matter pending before the department.

KIMBERLY GUILFOYLE: Now, FOX is told the meeting was not previously scheduled and was described as a "crossing of paths." Tomorrow and Friday at 2:00 p.m. eastern, I'm filling in for Gretchen Carlson.

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BRET BAIER: A meeting in Phoenix between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch is raising questions about a potential conflict of interest. She confirmed she spoke with Clinton at the airport in Phoenix but said it was not a planned meeting. She insisted they spoke about grandchildren and golf, and current news events but did not discuss the Benghazi or the e-mail investigations. As you know, if the FBI finds evidence that Hillary Clinton or one of her top aides mishandled classified information or lied under oath, and then the FBI referred an indictment, by all accounts, it will be Lynch who will have to decide whether to move forward with a prosecution.

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MARC COTA-ROBLES: We just heard from Attorney General Loretta Lynch, here to highlight law enforcement efforts to use social media to their advantage. Meeting with officers and Chief Charlie Beck. Ok, us behind the scenes and gave us an idea of how law enforcement is using technology and social media. Whether we’re dealing with criminals in our own community or the intel that can be gathered from sites like Facebook and Twitter can be critical to law enforcement investigations.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH: The challenge for law enforcement today and 21st century policing, how to ensure we’re using the best, most innovative tools available to protect the people, ensure the well-being of our community.

COTA-ROBLES: There are no credible threats in the U.S., but that the U.S. stands with Turkey and "we’re all in this together." Mayor Eric Garcetti was also here this afternoon. They all left about 30 minutes ago. A busy afternoon with more discussions on the way. He and the department discussing how the LAPD is using social media and their investigation and reacting to what occurred yesterday in Turkey. More of that coming up at 5:00 p.m. on "Eyewitness News." For now, live in downtown Los Angeles, Marc Cota-Robles, ABC7, "Eyewitness News."

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ANCHOR: Can police officers and tech be used to fight crime? The Attorney General came here to promote something already at the LAPD. But even as her community policing tour attracted attention it also attracted controversy. And NBC 4's John Klemack has more.

JOHN KLEMACK: Yeah, chuck, it's here where the ag wanted to learn a little bit more about what LAPD was doing. And there are innovative ways of what they say is called community policing, as you see it's a success, others see it is the wrong type of oversight. She is the top attorney in the country and today complimenting the police department, the office she inherited once cracked down on.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH: And this kind of row active and inclusive approach particularly arising out of a history of tensions is one we're encouraging around the country.

KLEMACK: U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch says we are facing this challenge that will generate safer communities but also be connected to the police department.

KLEMACK: And they learned how the department is using social media to combat crime and keep the community safe. But outside the center, others are protesting saying there are continued complaints of racism.

PROTESTER: Continue to lead the nation in murders of people of color. So to reward them is to reward the most murderous organization so it's a shame.

KLEMACK: They stopped short of calling for changes.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH: Look, they raise issues of concern to all of us. And I think if we're going to look at all the problems and issues that law enforcement faces they are a very important voice and they have very important things to say.

KLEMACK: The Police Chief Charlie Beck said he wanted to see firsthand what the department was doing.

POLICE CHIEF CHARLIE BECK: This is a police department that learned many hard lessons. And some of the things we learned about building community trust, some of the things we learned about keeping a difficult city safer can help other cities, then we have achieved our mission.

KLEMACK: The Attorney General staying here overnight. Tomorrow she will go to Playa Vista to meet with others about how they're connecting with the communities here. From Los Angeles, I'm John Klemack, NBC 4 News.

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