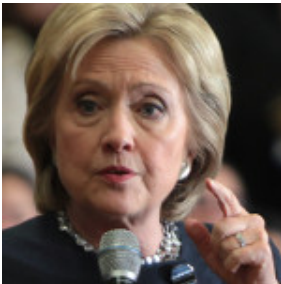


Clinton E-Mail Use Violated Rules, State Department Audit Finds



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Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail system while she was secretary of state violated State Department rules, the agency's Inspector General concluded, according to **a report** published by Bloomberg.

"The audit by the State Department's independent investigator found no evidence that she requested guidance or approval to conduct official business via personal e-mail on a private server – and concluded the agency likely wouldn't have granted the request," wrote **Billy House** and **Laura Litvan**. "The Inspector General also faulted the State Department's handling of electronic records and communications beyond Clinton's tenure."

In its conclusion, the Office of the Inspector General wrote: "Longstanding, systemic weaknesses related to electronic records and communications have existed within the Office of the Secretary that go well beyond the tenure of any one Secretary of State."

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