

Spokesperson for the House Select Committee on Benghazi

"The former employee in question was terminated for cause and his complaint is currently in mediation, which by law is required to be kept confidential by both sides. The former employee has violated this confidentiality requirement in a public way, forcing the Committee to respond with the following limited statement.

One reason, among others, for which the employee was terminated was his repeated efforts, of his own volition, to develop and direct Committee resources to a PowerPoint "hit piece" on members of the Obama Administration – including Secretary Clinton – that bore no relationship whatsoever to the Committee's current investigative tone, focus or investigative plan.

Thus, directly contrary to his brand new assertion, the employee actually was terminated, in part, because he himself manifested improper partiality and animus in his investigative work. The Committee vigorously denies all of his allegations. Moreover, once legally permitted to do, the Committee stands ready to prove his termination was legal, justified, and warranted - on multiple levels.

We will also further note the employee has never previously raised any allegation with respect to his work involving Secretary Clinton (other than that he was not allowed to do it) throughout: 1) the repeated counseling for performance and lack of judgment he received while an employee; 2) when he was notified of his termination for those reasons; 3) via his first lawyer (who withdrew from representing him); and 4) at any time following via his new lawyers. His assertions today related to Secretary Clinton are brand new and transparently false.

However, the former employee has continued to imagine a variety of new, outlandish, never previously mentioned, allegations since his departure – including that his supervisors, including the former Judge Advocate General of the United States Army (a highly decorated retired General) has somehow manifested an anti-military animus toward him. We are confident that the facts and evidence give no support to the wild imagination fueling these and any future allegations, and the Committee will vigorously defend itself against such allegations. The Committee will not be blackmailed into a monetary settlement for a false allegation made by a properly terminated former employee. "