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Ex-Blago chief of staff: Obama knew of Senate seat sale plot--and what about Alexi?

Former Rod Blagojevich chief-of-staff John Harris testified in the corruption trial of his former boss that he believed that then-President-elect Obama knew about Blago's scheme to [trade the soon-to-be vacant Obama seat](#) for a cabinet appointment.

In late 2008 the Obama camp denied knowing of such a plot.

They'll keep denying it, but it's another reminder to the public that Obama's "new kind of politics" is filled with the sewage of Chicago graft.

Alexi Giannoulias wants to fill the seat now held by Blagojevich appointee Roland Burris.

From an Illinois Republican Party Press Release:

On November 7, 2008, a federal wiretap recorded the following conversation between Rod Blagojevich and his chief of staff, John Harris:

Harris: "So, Alexi called me. Wants to meet with me a few minutes this afternoon. He says it's...I said what's it about? He says the seat but not for me, for someone else." (Source: Session 374, 10:46 AM)

For more than a year and a half, Alexi Giannoulias failed to disclose this phone call. If Alexi tried to hide this phone call, what else might he be hiding about this case?

Key Questions for Alexi Giannoulias:

- 1) Why did you call Blagojevich Chief of Staff John Harris regarding Illinois' U.S. Senate seat?**
- 2) Did you make any other phone calls to John Harris, Rod Blagojevich or any other Blagojevich associate?**
- 3) Did you, your staff or your family at anytime speak with John Harris, Rod Blagojevich or any other Blagojevich associates regarding Illinois' U.S. Senate seat? If so, what was discussed each time?**
- 4) Do you believe you are recorded on any federal wiretaps of John Harris, Rod Blagojevich or other individuals in connection with this criminal trial?**



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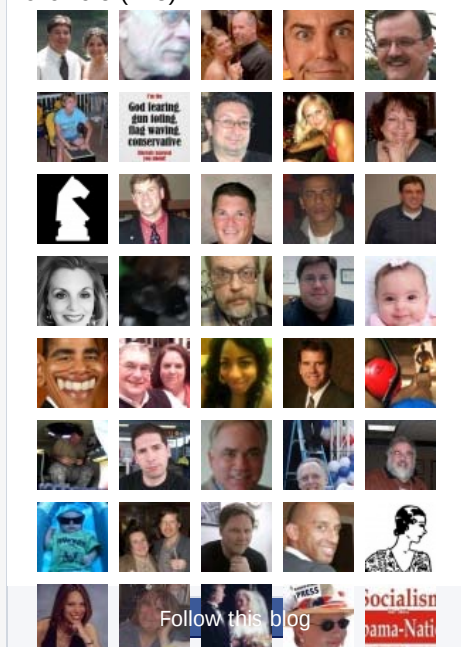
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Courier Mail-Newspaper, Australia, Nov. 9, 2005

FrontPage Magazine, January 3, 2006

New York Times, January 11, 2006

Chicago Sun-Times, February 19, 2006

Guest Blogger, Eric Zorn of the Chicago Tribune's blog, November, 2005 and February, 2006

News.com Australia, April 14, 2006

Guest on Constitutional Public Radio with Mark & Andrea WWBC 1510 AM Boynton Beach, Florida, July 27, 2006

North Shore Magazine, September, 2007

Jerry Agar Show, WLS-AM, August 6, 2008

Michael Koolidge Show, WRHL and WLBK AM, northern Illinois, October 1, 2008

Milt Rosenberg Show, WGN Radio 2, October 15, 2008

Patriot Games BlogTalkRadio, October 21 and 30, 2008

NBC 5.com, November 11, 2008

Panelist, Illinois Bloggers' Conference, May 8, 2009

Speaker, North Shore Tea Party, June 20, 2009

Ranked 20th in the NEW News survey of Chicago blogs by the Chicago Community Trust.

Representing Run for Bush: WGN-Radio

Chicago, Steve Cochran Show, October 8, 2004

Mentioned in the book, "The Manchurian President," 2010.

Teri O'Brien Blog Talk Radio show, January 9, 2011

Endorsements

Right Wing News.com: Website of the Dayfor December 30, 2005

Professor Steven Plaut, author and FrontPage Magazine contributor: "You are doing excellent work!"

Jay Ambrose, Scripps Howard News Service,"You've done good work on this issue, an example of how blogging can be of enormous importance in our democracy."

FreeRepublic poster:"The Great Marathon Pundit!"

"You suck Ruberry!"Commenter's reply to one of my posts.

"I hope that you live every day as the bitter angry man that you seem to be."

Commenter "Marathonh8tr"

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