

EMAIL USE BY FORMER SECRETARIES OF STATE

HILLARY CLINTON

- [Acknowledged](#) using personal email for official business during tenure as Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013. Did not have unclassified state.gov email account:

“I opted for convenience to use my personal email account”
- In response to State Department inquiry, [produced](#) emails from personal account relating to official business:

“[A]fter I left office, the State Department asked former secretaries of state for our assistance in providing copies of work-related emails from our personal accounts. I responded right away and provided all my emails that could possibly be work-related, which totaled roughly 55,000 printed pages, even though I knew that the State Department already had the vast majority of them.”
- [Majority](#) of emails were to other employees who had official government accounts:

“[T]he vast majority of my work emails went to government employees at their government addresses, which meant they were captured and preserved immediately on the system at the State Department.”

CONDOLEEZZA RICE

- Has not commented publicly about using personal email for official business during tenure as Secretary of State from 2005 to 2009.
- An unnamed former aide [claimed](#) that she used an official account to “occasionally” send emails and did not use personal account for official business. These anonymous claims remain unconfirmed.
- In response to State Department inquiry, [did not produce](#) any emails from personal account relating to official business.

COLIN POWELL

- Acknowledged using personal email for official business during tenure as Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005. Did not have unclassified state.gov email account:

“To complement the official State Department computer in my office, I installed a laptop computer on a private line. ... I started shooting emails to my principal assistants, to individual ambassadors, and increasingly to my foreign-minister colleagues who like me were trying to bring their ministries into the 186,000-miles-per-second world.”
- In response to State Department inquiry, [did not produce](#) any emails from personal account relating to official business:

“I don’t have any—I don’t have any to turn over. I did not keep a cache of them. I did not print them off. I do not have thousands of pages somewhere in my personal files.”
- Many emails were to [other employees](#) who had official government accounts:

“[A] lot of the e-mails that came out of my personal account went into the State Department system. They were addressed to State Department employees and the State.gov domain. But I don’t know if the servers the State Department captured those or not.”