

Clinton on Emails: "That Was a Mistake. I'm Sorry about That"

10/09/2015



"What I had done was allowed, it was above board. But in retrospect, as I look back at it now, even though it was allowed, I should have used two accounts. One for personal, one for work-related emails. That was a mistake. I'm sorry about that. I take responsibility," Clinton said in an interview on ABC.

"I do think I could have and should have done a better job answering questions earlier. I really didn't perhaps appreciate the need to do that," she said.

Last week, in another interview on NBC, Clinton said she regretted the controversy that arose surrounding the matter, took responsibility for the situation and admitted that using one email account was not the best "option" she could have chosen.

Clinton found herself surrounded by the controversy just as she was preparing to launch her presidential run when it was revealed that she used her private email account for correspondence related to her duties as secretary of state from 2009-2013.

Given the situation, the Republican opposition demanded that the emails Clinton had saved from her private account be made public, claiming that national security could have been affected.

Clinton has maintained that she did not send or receive classified material using the account.

In response to the demands of Republicans and to those of Clinton herself, who insisted that



the emails be made public to dispel any doubts that national security had been compromised or that she had anything to hide, last May the State Department declassified about 300 emails, most of them related to the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

Those emails had already been reviewed by the House committee that investigated the Sept. 11, 2012, attack in which U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and three other Americans died.

Also, in July another 3,000 pages comprising 1,900 of Clinton's emails were published and on Aug. 31 another 7,000 pages of emails were released.