

# Eye On The Left: DOJ Tied To IRS Scandal

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## Trail getting warm again

Some of the once missing emails from former Internal Revenue Service administrator Lois Lerner now appear to show that the Department of Justice was involved in the targeting of conservative groups during President Obama's first term, according to Forbes.

"Ms. Lerner," according to magazine columnist Robert W. Wood, "met with top officials from the DOJ's Election Crimes Branch in October 2010. Although Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the DOJ, the DOJ coughed up information only on court order. Even then, the DOJ handed over only two pages of heavily redacted emails."

What was available shows that Lerner worked with the DOJ on targeting conservative groups and even that she sent the DOJ a "1.1 million page database of information from 501(c)(4) tax exempt organizations" that contained confidential tax records.

Some 30,000 of the IRS emails that IRS officials said earlier this year were "unrecoverable" were found last month by the IRS inspector general.

The president of Judicial Watch said the documents show the Justice Department was "up to its neck in the IRS scandal" and that its Public Integrity Section, which usually investigates such abuse of authority, is "now implicated in the IRS crimes."

Could the trail lead higher? Will a Republican Congress have the guts to find out? Stay tuned.

## Ready for Hil ... Warren

President Barack Obama is not saying if he's got a favorite Democrat in the 2016 presidential sweepstakes, in which former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is figured to be the front-runner, but more than 300 former Obama campaign staffers aren't so reticent.

And their pick isn't Clinton. It's Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, figured -- if one could imagine -- to be more liberal than Clinton.

In a letter titled "We helped elect Barack Obama -- now we're calling on Elizabeth Warren to run in 2016," they remind readers that Warren, like Obama, was at one point thought to be an unlikely winner. And, it continues, they worked for him and won in Iowa, "we organized like no campaign had organized before," "we built a movement" and "we know that the improbable is far from impossible."

The organizing group, interestingly, is called Ready for Warren. "Ready for Hillary" was one of the slogans that coalesced around the former first lady in her 2008 run for the Democratic nomination and for her presumed 2016 try.