

White House tape reveals scandal

By Curtis Seltzer

BLUE GRASS, Va.—I was thankful this week that Big Brother is on the job—watching, listening, snooping and taping himself. I’m also thankful for the White House leaker who sent this May 22nd transcript from the Oval Office to one of the few surviving members of the international media conspiracy, namely, me.

President Obama: *There is no scandal.* There is no “there” there, and there is no “is” there either. Which means “no scandal!”

Vice President Biden: Are you using “is” to mean “right now” as we’re speaking, or does it cover time before now?

Obama: I’m no Bill Clinton. Is means is, was and will be. I didn’t do anything illegal.

Biden: Denying all accusations is always a good starting point for managing a scandal.

Obama: I did not create the Oklahoma tornado because it’s a red state. I did not tell the IRS to target any “T” groups for audits. That includes the Tea Party, T-ballers and teetotalers. Michelle is not sending low-fat, low-salt and low-sugar cookies to the hungry people of North Korea. I did nothing.

Biden: Did you inform Congress that you did nothing today?

Obama: Of course not.

Biden: How about the media?

Obama: Same.

Biden: Bingo! There’s the “there.” So what are you trying to hide?

Obama: Nothing.

Biden: You’re hiding that you did nothing. Doing nothing is no defense in this town.

Obama: I did nothing *wrong*, not just nothing at all. This charge against me -- this latest so-called “scandal” -- there’s nothing to it.

Biden: It doesn’t matter if there’s nothing to it. When someone says the word “scandal” about you, it gets repeated. Repetition creates the scent of scandal. One guy says, “I smell smoke,” then all of his political buddies say, “Me, too.” Pretty soon everybody’s running around looking for a fire. Is there any smoke here?

Obama: [Pauses.] Well, just the tiniest whiff. Just a puff.

Biden: Then you have to get out in front of the fire. Spill your guts. Let the American people decide if you engaged in a cover up.

Obama: I didn't cover up anything.

Biden: Well, you didn't tell what you knew when you knew it before you knew you were in trouble and before you were accused of it. You didn't tell Congress what you did, how many times and with whom.

Obama: This is personal, private. Michelle's feelings would be hurt.

Biden: With the President, nothing is personal, nothing is private. They're going to follow the money, just like in Watergate.

Obama: What money?

Biden: You didn't pay for any of them?

Obama: I don't carry cash. What am I going to spend it on? Everything's on the taxpayer in the White House.

Biden: They came to the White House at night once a week for free?

Obama: Well, I doubt they were free. Maybe they were paid out of petty cash.

Biden: You used White House money for them?

Obama: I dunno. Maybe they were donations.

Biden: Did you declare them as official gifts to the President on your disclosure form?

Obama: Of course not.

Biden: Did they have monetary value?

Obama: I guess so.

Biden: So why did you do it?

Obama: I have a high-stress job. Let's just say they're stress relievers.

Biden: I'm sure they are! But do you understand that it looks like you took a bribe or a payoff. Who procured them for you?

Obama: They weren't "procured." He just got them for me. That intern kid—Jonathan something.

Biden: Holy smoke! Another intern in a Democrat's second-term! Did he have a choice about procuring them for you?

Obama: They were not procured. They were purchased.

Biden: How do you know they were purchased?

Obama: Well, I guess I don't know that for a fact.

Biden: You can't hide behind "I don't know."

Obama: I'm not hiding. I mean I did hide it from Michelle. Anyway, it's on my own time and in the privacy of my quarters.

Biden: Michelle, of course, was not there.

Obama: Obviously.

Biden: So where did Jonathan something find them for you? Who'd he call? Was it a White House line? Does he do this for anyone else in the White House? Where, oh where, did Jonathan something get the money?

Obama: I asked at the beginning if he wanted me to pay him either in advance or as reimbursement, and he said, "Don't be silly Mr. President. It's on me."

Biden: The kid's got you. You fell for the oldest trick in the book—he did you a favor to get you in debt to him. Your presidency now depends on Jonathan something keeping quiet. Don't be surprised if he demands to be named to the next available Cabinet post.

Obama: He's dependable, I'll give him that.

Biden: This is an impeachable offense. I won't be part of a conspiracy to cover it up. I will not obstruct justice.

Obama: Good for you, Joe. I take full responsibility for my actions. I did it.

Biden: Then come clean. Ask the American people to forgive you.

Obama: I guess so.

Biden: It is what it is, and, then, it is what it isn't. Either way, it could become a cancer growing on the Presidency.

Obama: One crummy pack of Marlboro Reds a week! What have we come to? Some scandal.

Biden: Tell the American people you didn't inhale.

Obama: Who would believe that?

Biden: Not even Hillary.

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