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BILL WANTED UFO PROBE: HUBBELL BOOK

By DEBORAH ORIN

President Clinton was intrigued by UFOs and wanted to know if they really existed, says a new book by his golfing pal, disgraced Justice Department official Webb Hubbell.

Hubbell says finding out about UFOs was one of the top priorities Clinton gave him in sending him over to a job as one of Attorney General Janet Reno's top deputies.

Clinton had said, "if I put you over at Justice I want you to find the answers to two questions for me," Hubbell recounts.

"One, who killed JFK. And two, are there UFOs."

"Clinton was dead serious. I had looked into both, but wasn't satisfied with the answers I was getting," Hubbell adds.

Hubbell describes his failure to find out about JFK and UFOs as a big regret when he had to resign as associate attorney general and pleaded guilty to bilking law clients of \$482,000.

Whitewater figure Jim McDougal has said Hubbell - who worked closely with Mrs. Clinton and former White House lawyer Vincent Foster at Little Rock's Rose law firm - "knows where the bodies are buried" on the land deal, but he stays pretty closed-mouthed in the book "Friends in High Places."

The book touched off a courtroom battle when Whitewater counsel Ken Starr tried to subpoena early drafts. Starr backed off, and in any case Hubbell's book insists he can't remember much.

But Hubbell does toss out a tantalizing aside in examining why Bill Clinton decided against running for president in 1988: a remark from Hillary that, "We've got to straighten up Whitewater."

The book portrays Hillary Clinton as an ambitious woman who dreamed of succeeding her husband as Arkansas governor and paints Bill Clinton as someone unable to face his wife on whether she

should use his last name or hers.

Hubbell recounts that in 1981, after Clinton got beaten for re-election as Arkansas governor - a campaign in which his wife's use of her maiden name, Rodham, was an issue - he asked Hubbell to press her to change her name.

He quotes Clinton as saying: "She needs to do this ... Webb, you're her friend. Will you talk to her about it?"

Hubbell says he did so and Mrs. Clinton agreed - "but I suspect it hurt for some reasons she's never understood herself."

Later in 1990, Hillary Clinton seriously talked of running to succeed her husband as Arkansas governor when Bill Clinton seemed bored with the job, he adds.

"Hillary had actually floated her candidacy past Vince Foster and me in the event that Bill didn't run," writes Hubbell, then a law partner of Mrs. Clinton's and Foster's.

"We questioned whether if the reason Bill wasn't running was he had been in office too long, voters would think they were just getting the same thing."

Hubbell adds that Mrs. Clinton "talked about how it might energize a new generation of females in the state, and when she said that, I knew she was really thinking about it."

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