



Wikileaks claims to have damaging information on Clinton

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The document-leaking website Wikileaks is hoping to drop a bombshell it says could change the course of the presidential election, with new information about the Hillary Clinton campaign.

Over the summer, after thousands of emails hacked from the Democratic National Committee were leaked just days before the Democratic National Convention kicked off, DNC Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned. The emails appeared to show the committee heavily favored Clinton over Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., though the organization is supposed to remain neutral during the primaries. Shortly after the convention, Wikileaks founder Julian Assange told CNN, “We have more material related to the Hillary Clinton campaign.”

That material was scheduled to be released Tuesday morning, on the balcony of the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where Assange has been keeping refuge for the last few years. Now – citing security concerns - Wikileaks said in a tweet the information will instead be released in a video in Berlin on Tuesday at 10 a.m. local time (4 a.m. Eastern time).

So, what will that information reveal?

David Boaz, executive vice president with the Libertarian Cato Institute, said, “The most likely, most devastating thing would be email evidence that there was a direct quid pro quo between speaking fees or contributions to the Clinton Foundation and government action.”

Boaz, a longtime political analyst, added there’s a reason opponents often wait until October to release sensitive information.

“A lot of Americans don’t pay attention to politics in the summer or the spring. Now, everybody’s paying attention. Something that comes out now can have the strongest impact,” Boaz said.

Former Trump adviser Roger Stone tweeted, “Wednesday Hillary Clinton is done,” referring to the Wikileaks revelations.

Still, Boaz doubts whatever is released will have a major impact.

“They find an email from Hillary Clinton saying, ‘Be sure to get rid of the body’ ... short of that, the Hillary Clinton campaign is not gonna be done by any one email, or even any package of emails,” Boaz said.

For now, the waiting game begins for people watching to see if the Wikileaks document dump is a true October surprise.