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DRUDGE REPORT FINAL

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WILLEY'S DECISION

****WORLD EXCLUSIVE****

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Kathleen Willey is looking for a lawyer. According to multiple sources in and out of government who have knowledge of the story, this former low-level White House staffer personally approached President Clinton a few years ago looking for more work and additional responsibilities, feeling underutilized in the Office of the Social Secretary.



The DRUDGE REPORT first noted on July 4 that NEWSWEEK ace investigative reporter Michael Isikoff was hot on the trail of a woman who claims to have been sexually propositioned by the President on federal property. "...Then he fondled me," she is known to have told Isikoff, the DRUDGE REPORT has learned from several sources.

Every attempt was made to reach Willey. Her phone number has recently been disconnected.

Shortly after the incident occurred, the woman, now believed to be Kathleen Willey, left her White House job. Isikoff has held back on the explosive story because the woman has refused to go on the record with her account. Nevertheless, the events surrounding Willey have become the talk of the Washington underground and threaten to undermine President Clinton's defense in the ongoing Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

It is not known if the woman has been in contact with the Jones camp, although one source at the WASHINGTON TIMES -- who has recently become familiar with the story -- suspects that she hasn't.

Others familiar with the situation suggest that Willey has clammed up and is not talking to anyone about what occurred, including Isikoff.

"If she is saying those things... she's lying, Drudge, don't report it," a White House official warned late on Monday.

The Willey story has spread throughout the Executive Mansion that has gone on alert for any and all Willey moves, or press.

One White House staffer strongly denies that a Kathleen Willey has ever been employed at the White House during the Clinton Administration.

Washington waits...

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GAY 90'S

Early talk around Hollywood has actor Rupert Everett a shoo-in for best supporting actor prizes during next year's award season for his role in SONY's MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING. Lip is especially strong for an Oscar win, making Everett the first openly gay actor to win the prize...

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MRS. LIMBAUGH STARTING MAGAZINE

Rush Limbaugh's wife, Marta, is keeping quiet about her new magazine VENT, reports Liz Doup in Tuesday's MIAMI HERALD. The debut issue of the