

Obama-NAFTA leak probe expands

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OTTAWA - The Canadian probe into who leaked a memo on Barack Obama's free trade stance has expanded to include alleged comments on Hillary Clinton's free trade stance. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the New Democratic Party leader, Jack Layton, he would investigate the "entire" incident in connection with the suspected involvement of his Chief of Staff Ian Brodie, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Brodie allegedly told reporters that Clinton downplayed her rhetoric against NAFTA on the day that the federal budget was released, the report said. "We are going to investigate this entire matter and take whatever action is deemed to be necessary based on the facts that we discover," Harper said. "I'm not going to comment on rumors." The prime minister's concerns came after U.S. Ambassador to Canada David Wilkins said the alleged memo information leak, which said Obama's anti-NAFTA stance was "political maneuvering," represented Canadian interference in American politics.

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