

White House e-mail controversy grows

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WASHINGTON - Congressional staffers claim a Republican Party lawyer told them that missing White House e-mail may have been deliberately deleted by adviser Karl Rove.

The Republican National Committee, however, said the staffer members mischaracterized a briefing about controversial missing e-mail messages, saying the RNC lawyer was speaking hypothetically, The Washington Post reported.

The White House has acknowledged that the RNC e-mail account, which was set up for political use, was sometimes used for official business and that some of that official e-mail is missing.

Members of Congress denounced the loss of the White House messages, which they had sought in their investigation in the firing of eight U.S. attorneys last year.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino told reporters there was no indication that any crimes were committed in the lost e-mail and said that officials were still trying to retrieve them.

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