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Hey Folks...

Scanning the blog-o-sphere I had run across this site for a possible location for us to monitor...may have even gotten it from Betty; can't remember; CRS. Anyway, it appears to be a good one, and like most of the one's that I have run across that I liked, it sends out weekly topic updates that you can peruse, and then jump into the fray, http://fray.slate.msn.com/?id=3936& , with (the Fray site at Slate Magazine On-Line; another good possibility for us that was sent in by Diane's husband, Ned), should you so desire. Thought this one tied right in with our mission; so, here it is. I'm thinking that we are going to be awfully busy in the upcoming months! BTW...Good luck tonight, Terry...Dare To Struggle/Dare To Win! BH

"Media Matters," week ending April 15, 2005 by Jamison Foser

http://mediamatters.org/items/200504150006

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This week:

Conservative publisher set to unleash Swift Boat-style attack on Sen. Clinton

swift-boat: v.t.: 1: to smear; to attack unfairly; to falsely accuse; 2: to relentlessly and unquestionably hype those attacks in the media.

A new book by Edward Klein may "bring down the (currently non-existent) presidential campaign of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), according to The Washington Times. The "revelations inside could torpedo Hillary Clinton's chances," MSNBC's Joe Scarborough breathlessly noted. It's the "ultimate Hillary-attack," according to cybergossip Matt Drudge.

What, exactly, is in the book that's so damaging? Well, none of them actually, technically know what's in the book. That's because the book isn't actually, technically, available. Hasn't even been published.

Though the book hasn't been published, we know a little bit about it. It's already clear that it is intended more as a political tool than an objective book. A spokesperson for the publisher, the conservative Sentinel imprint of publishing giant Penguin Putnam, says the company's "fondest wish" is for the book to do to Clinton what the so-called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth did to John Kerry. As Media Matters noted:

The comparison to the so-called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth is significant for at least two reasons. First, the SBVT were explicitly formed to defeat John Kerry's presidential campaign; thus, the publisher's comparison of the book to the Swift Boat group reveals the book to be little more than a partisan political tool designed to influence an election. But the comparison is also telling because, as Media Matters for America and others extensively documented, the SBVT repeatedly lied, misled, and distorted the truth about John Kerry.

[...]

In short: the publisher suggests the purpose of the book is to defeat Clinton; the author is known to dislike the Clintons; and the one known source has leveled increasingly bizarre allegations against the Clintons for years and says he'll do anything he can to defeat her. Perhaps the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth are a good comparison after all.

And, though the book isn't available yet, we know the author "doesn't care for the Clintons"; we know he relied on the notoriously unreliable Dick Morris as a source; and we know the author's previous books have been widely denounced for reliance on "anonymous sources" and "psychobabble."

And we know we'll be hearing much, much more about the book than it deserves in the coming months.