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Ted Baillieu

BaillieuGate??

**LIBERAL PARTY SHOCKING REVELATIONS MAY BRING
DOWN NAPHTHINE GOVERNMENT.**

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This article is in response to the recent Ted Baillieu tape recordings and ABC article . First it was Watergate tapes with Richard Nixon a past United States President (above left) and now we have our own version aptly named BaillieuGate tapes with Ted Baillieu the former Victorian State Premier (above right). What is the difference, one may ask. Well the answer is that one lied and the other leaked. However it is most disappointing to discover that such recordings existed in the first place and leaked by an unknown individual.

This individual whoever they may be, according to recent communication received from Tony Snell the President of the Liberal party indicates that he or she is not a Liberal Party member.

Tony Snell states that: 'I can confirm that there is no member of the Party with that name, and no-one of that name has ever been a Party member. The Age journalist mentioned in the email has denied having spoken to a person of that name about these matters.'

That may be so, but being politically savvy and not surprised at all by anything or anyone, one can only surmise that it is in fact a Liberal Party member hiding behind a pseudonym, bent on bringing down upon the management and parliamentary wings of the Liberal party, negative publicity prior to the State election. I am of the belief that the nefarious and ill advised member will sooner or later be found wanting and be expelled from the party.

One wonders why it has taken so long to surface and why now in the critical months leading up to the State election. As a result of these revelations, who gains the advantage and maximises their influence over the party? Is it the Ted Baillieu/David Davis camp, the Peter Costello/Michael O'Brien/Kelly O'Dwyer entourage, the Scott Ryan/Matthew Guy, the Tony Snell/Frank Greenstein and company, the Denis Napthine and his band of merry men, Michael Kroger and the Coalition group, the usual mischief makers comprising of sycophants and Liberal Party recalcitrant's. It is difficult to unmask who will gain from BaillieuGate.

Whatever the case may be, the BaillieuGate tape recordings unfortunately do not put Ted Baillieu and his group in a favourable light. I find it personally it odd that Ted Baillieu has allowed himself to fall into the trap with talking to journalists, but then again so are all the other "leakers" to blame according to the reports received to date. These recording have the potential to bring down the Denis Napthine government at a time when Denis Napthine has been instrumental in steering the Liberal ship towards a successful outcome at the coming Stat election. All of Denis Napthine's hard work is now in jeopardy and it will take a string and courageous leaders to bring the Liberal party out of this mess.

In any political Party it is the responsibility of a Party President to ensure that the political management of the party is on solid ground by the laying of foundations and building up of trust amongst the grass roots members. There are some within the Liberal party who doubt that Tony Snell the current Liberal party President has the leadership skills and credibility to pull it off. While on the other hand Tony Snell has been instrumental in creating an environment and surrounding himself with reasonable advisers that under normal circumstances would raise him above the level of competency. In this particular case there does not appear to be any one competent enough to raise that banner of leadership high enough to what is expected, especially by the grass roots.

Within the recording there is mention of a number of individuals, Geoff Shaw, Sandra Mercer Moore, Michael Gidley, Bernie Finn and others in a derisive manner. This sarcasm has its origins in the past where the "the Young Turks" within the Liberal party were beginning to spread their wings and wanting to make a difference. Ted Baillieu was no different as a youngster and it is only fitting that a younger breed of budding leaders crop up now and then to contest the top position. There must be a generational change for any organisation to remain effective and productive to achieve its political objectives.

Ted and the journalist discuss the allegedly link between Sandra Mercer Moore (past female Vice President of the Liberal party) and that of Geoff Shaw and Bernie Finn. The truth of the matter is that Geoff Shaw was never the chosen one for Frankston and that he was given the job after the original female candidate (who was a former mayor), husband suddenly was diagnosed with cancer and had to withdraw. It is also a fact that it was Frank Greenstein a current Metropolitan male Vice President who introduced Geoff Shaw as a potential candidate and followed it up with meetings at his home in order that he prepare Geoff Shaw for the seat of Frankston.

Now it appears that those same sycophants responsible for undermining Ted Baillieu and were instrumental in his removal as Victorian Premier appear to have been instrumental in the unwarranted and personal attacks on Sandra Mercer Moore, by undermining her role and long contribution to the Liberal Party and eventually replacing her with Caroline Elliott who incidentally was a protégé of Sandra Mercer Moore. In fact it gets even better, those now at the management helm of the Liberal Party owe much to the support and advice provided by Sandra Mercer Moore. Something that has been hidden from the grass roots members but now these same recalcitrant's and sycophants have been exposed and have been found wanting.

Ted Baillieu during the Indian taxi drivers strike and protest was once again provided with the wrong advice and unfortunately that advice by an Indian (former Taxi driver) who once stood for the Northern Metro upper House was given a job as an adviser to Ted Baillieu and then relocated to Nicholas Kotsiras who did not have a choice in the matter other than to accept him on staff. This same Indian taxi driver/adviser was removed from office by the incoming Multicultural Minister Matthew Guy on the grounds of some security breach if we are to believe that is close to Matthew Guy's office.

Is it Ted Baillieu's fault that he had poor advisers, one could say that the ultimate decision is with the Minister himself and others could say it was his chief of staff. What the case may have been it is now all in the past. I have met Ted Baillieu in the past over the years and

have found to be a pleasant and affable, caring and knowledgeable person who cares deeply for his constituents. This unfortunate incident will cost him dearly and may end his political career.

There are rumours and gossip of "dirt sheets" about lazy members of parliament, of members misusing their funds for the purpose other than what they were allocated and/or designed for, of members and candidates making deliberate misleading statements about their past, of the lack of decisions by the Party management team, of staff members recording Senators to gain favour and increase their profile.

Then there are the innuendos about people's personal lives being misused and spread maliciously to reduce and restrain an individual's capacity to be effective, followed by staff members taking on the leadership role in the members electorate and creating havoc, mistrust and alienating the grass roots long time Liberal party members. These staff members have been known to move from one minister to another or from one office to another until their effectiveness and usefulness is no longer valid or required.

Selection of candidates suitable for electorates has now become a laughing matter with candidates being selected based on alliances, access to funds, manpower resources and who has the greatest numbers on their side. The selection of candidates being based on the merit paradigm of the past is but a mere word to attract those silly enough to be seduced by the attraction of representing an electorate, in many cases an electorate that can never be won. Today if an individual does not belong to a group or does not have allegiances or alliances is doomed to be selected. Mind if we are to believe the recent Labor Party Post Action Review of the Federal election, the Labor party is no different and that it too has many management and outstanding issues that it has to face in order to move forward.

The purists, the conservatives, the wets', the drys', the left, the right, the forgotten, the factions (if any) and the bystanders are all vying to be heard above the din and chatter of the sycophants and long time recalcitrant who are bent on destroying the party structure within. Then we have the sisterhood and boyhood clubs that comprise of Liberal party members whose sexual lifestyle and behaviours appear to be used to gain support, friends, information, allegiances and employment. These members may be found at all levels of the Liberal party structure which to I can safely say is not an issue or a problem until those very same members abuse their responsibilities, knowledge, access to ministers to block up and coming new talent.

It is safe to say that leadership is the main problem within the Liberal party. This sickness that has permeated throughout all levels of the party needs to be cleansed and exorcism of all nefarious individuals be conducted by a competition and politically savvy panel of bipartisan group of Liberals. This panel should comprise individuals from all levels of the Liberal Party. That the panel reviews all matters pertaining to red tape, procedure that stifle growth and development, unwarranted regulations, inappropriate clauses and bylaw that only serve the few and if found wanting relocate them to the waste paper bin where they belong. To achieve this it will require the services of a leader who is honest, competent, compassionate, trustworthy, knowledgeable, with life experiences, politically savvy and the credulity to lead the Liberal Party out of this mess they now find themselves in.

In closing the Liberal Party and its members are now faced with enormous hurdles to overcome in order to prepare for the upcoming State election. That in the face of adversity, The Liberal party's best bet is to unite as a party and that every member gets behind Tony Snell and his management team, put aside their negative attitudes and long held animosities to support Denis Naphthine win Government at the next State Election. If members failed to support a Denis Naphthine Government in the bid to retain government, it means that it was done o purpose to lay the foundations for a thorough cleansing of the Liberal Party.



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VICTORIAN EX-PREMIER TED BAILLIEU CRITICISES LIBERAL MPS IN LEAKED RECORDING

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PHOTO: Ted Baillieu left this morning's Liberal Party meeting by a side door. (ABC News)

A leaked recording of a conversation between former Victorian premier Ted Baillieu and a Fairfax journalist has hinted at divisions within the State Government. In the recording, emailed along with a transcript to a number of Victorian MPs on Tuesday, Mr Baillieu criticised several fellow Coalition MPs, including anti-abortion campaigner Bernie Finn and his supporters.

He also belittled Glen Waverly MP Michael Gidley and Sandringham MP Murray Thompson. The email's author criticised Mr Baillieu for speaking about his colleagues during his discussion with Farrah Tomazin, a journalist from The Sunday Age. Mr Baillieu declined to answer questions about the recording when he left a Government meeting this morning. In a statement, the Victorian Liberal Party said the email was "sent from someone alleging to be an Elizabeth McRobert".

"There is no one with that name who is a Party member in Victoria," it said. "It is unclear who is responsible for the distribution of the material but we note that Fairfax Media is seeking legal advice over the matter and stolen recording devices. "The Liberal Party is clearly focused on the upcoming state [election] campaign and securing the re-election of the Naphthine Government."



We're not going to be distracted by these side shows, Denis Naphine, Victorian Premier

At a press conference, Premier Denis Naphine avoided questions about whether he was leading a united government. "We lead a government that's very committed to getting on with government for all Victorians. We're not going to be distracted by these side shows," Dr Naphine said. Dr Naphine said he would not comment on the contents of the recording. However, he expressed support for Upper House MP Bernie Finn.

"[He] is a valuable member of our team and we have a diverse range of people in our team who work together in the best interest of all Victorians." Fairfax denies leaking Baillieu recording Editor in chief of The Age newspaper, Andrew Holden, said neither Tomazin nor the newspaper were involved in leaking the recording, or in the internal dynamics of the Liberal Party. "It's absurd to suggest she's trying to involve herself in that, or indeed write anything with the collusion of any parliamentarian to influence any particular pre-selection," Mr Holden told the ABC. He said any suggestion the recording was stolen or misplaced was "speculation", however. "I don't think it gets us anywhere as to how it went missing the first place," he said.



This horrifies us to find that in any way we could have contributed to confidential information getting out when we've provided that assurance that it won't. Andrew Holden, The Age's editor-in-chief.

"Certainly, it's what happened after that, and the fact somebody's listened to it. They obviously know it's a Fairfax media reporter's tape recorder; they're clearly able to identify the voices on it... and deliberately [extracted] that. "That's the thing that concerns me the most - the misuse of a confidential recording that we would have never have put out into the public sphere." Holden has also apologised to Mr Baillieu. "A confidential conversation is supposed to be precisely that," he said. "This horrifies us to find that in any way we could have contributed to confidential information getting out when we've provided that assurance that it won't."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-06-24/ted-baillieu-criticises-victorian-liberal-mps-in-leaked-tape/5547104>



RECORDING OF SECRET MEDIA BRIEFING BY TED BAILLIEU ATTACKING FELLOW LIBERALS

This link is to a shocking secret recording made by the Age's Farrah Tomazin as she interviewed Ted Baillieu about the Liberal Party's internal preselection processes. The full transcript is provided.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B10B-aAeYYQSbmRRclZLRnBZeGs/edit?usp=sharing>
<https://soundcloud.com/user999733695/tomazin-baillieu-leaking-audio>

THE LEAKERS?



2014 THE LEAKERS:

Over the next six months in the lead up the Victorian state election will see these leaks from countless of hours of liberals talking to the Age. All of the big leakers are there: Ted Baillieu, Kelly O'Dwyer, Tony Snell, Scott Ryan, Frank Greenstein, Julian Sheezel, Sophie Mirabella and Peter Costello.

OBSERVATION: It is somewhat disappointing to find that tapes have been kept by journalists with the sole aim of bringing down a government and at the same time losing the credibility of themselves and that of those whom they interviewed in the process. Gone are the days of confidentiality and it appears leaking to the process is norm. One can say its leading by example.

THE LIBERAL PARTY'S CONSTITUTION:

21.12 PUBLIC STATEMENTS, WRITTEN MATERIAL, IDENTITY OF DELEGATES

(a) No Member or Party Officer shall make or cause to be made any public statement regarding a pre-selection or endorsement unless expressly permitted by the Constitution or any rules determined by State Council.

(b) A Member or Party Officer may make or cause to be made an official statement on behalf of the Party regarding a preselection or endorsement if expressly authorised by the Administrative Committee to do so.

(c) An applicant for endorsement may announce publicly the fact of his or her application for such endorsement and may provide biographical details contained in his or her application for endorsement.

(d) No Member of the Party shall circulate or cause to be circulated any material of any sort whatsoever which -

(i) may;

(ii) could; or

(iii) is designed to;

influence any Preselector to a Convention as to how that Preselector should cast his or her vote at such Convention unless expressly permitted by the Constitution or any rules determined by State Council

BAILLIEU SECRETLY ATTACKS HIS LIBERAL PARTY COLLEAGUES.

As Mr Baillieu secretly attacks his Liberal Party colleagues in the recording, it is clear why the Party has had such bad media earlier this year. Shockingly, Age journalist Farrah Tomazin is clearly actively involved in the Liberal Party preselection process, as she and Mr Baillieu conspire to attack sitting MPs and candidates in the media. Last week I was called by Age journalist Josh Gordon and asked for comment on internal party matters. When I refused to comment, he sent me this secret tape of Ted Baillieu briefing out against his parliamentary colleagues.

The Age's tactics and motives are very clear. They have hundreds of hours of these tapes, of senior Victorian liberals bagging other Liberals. And they are using them to actually participate in internal liberal politics. This secret media attack by Mr Baillieu is a clear breach of Section 11.17 and 21.12 of the Party's constitution. It the worst kind of hypocrisy, coming from a man who has called for the harshest sanctions against those who have done less.



MAY 2008 JULIAN SHEEZEL.

In May 2008, two young liberals working for Julian Sheezel were caught running an anonymous blog which was critical of Mr Baillieu. Mr Baillieu not only insisted that they were sacked, but that they be thrown out of the Liberal Party for disloyalty.



TED BAILLIEU 15 MAY 2008:

"This is not about factions, this is about fundamental basic treachery. We've had a small group of people, paid staff, campaigning against us, campaigning against Federal colleagues, campaigning against our candidates. That's simply unacceptable behaviour."

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2007/s2246212.htm>



JULY 2011 SENATOR SCOTT RYAN:

Then in July 2011 when Senator Scott Ryan's staffer Daniel Bevan was caught anonymously tweeting about fellow Liberal party members, including Ted Baillieu he had to quit the Administrative Committee and his job in disgrace.



BAILLIEUGATE TAPES FULL TRANSCRIPT

- Ballieu** [inaudible]...all the way through the convention and then quickly get out there and brief it the other way. And that's what's been happening. 'Oh, it didn't really have much impact. Oh, it wasn't really that serious. Of course I'm not anti-abortion I just want to see a review, blah, blah, blah.' That sort of stuff.
- Tomazin** Yep.
- Ballieu** The briefings that were heading north so very hard in the last three weeks have been deliberately changed to head south this week.
- Tomazin** Hmm, hmm. Yeah, no you're right and it sort of, it was being played out during the, you know, meet the delegates process and whatnot as well, um, for her. And it was being used to attack her, basically as I think was been reported before and her own values. And yes, as (Teague?) kind of claimed credit for on Monday, (Teague?) claimed credit for on Monday, she's planted people in there, basically.
- Ballieu** inaudible]...
- Tomazin** So what...so I've got it clear in my head, cause I couldn't, cause you were quite muffled before. The theory in relation to, so the situation in relation to Shaw turning so heavily on Ken...
- Baillieu** Shaw has been sponsored into his position by a bunch of people from the very first day led by Bernie Finn and some of his crazy mates in the parliamentary team and a very senior member of the organisation who is very close to Kevin Andrews and they've been going for it. ...[inaudible]...
- Tomazin** Ah, and when you say a senior member of the organisation you mean a female by any chance?
- Baillieu** Could well be couldn't it?
- Tomazin** Yes, so, Sandra. Basically.
- Baillieu** Sorry?
- Tomazin** Not Sandra? Or...
- Baillieu** Sandra, wooh, goodness me. I didn't say that.
- Tomazin** No. [laughs] Oh god, you don't like making things, spelling it out in black and white do you? You're making me work for this here.

Baillieu Because you guys, so often take one briefing and you know me, I'm not a briefer.

Tomazin I know, I know and that's why I've always respected you and tried to stay out of your hair as often as possible.

Baillieu Alright but I'm just sort of, I find this situation is just really, really nasty.

Tomazin Yep, yep.

Baillieu And all that gets peddled as the same old crap from the same old people who've got nothing to offer in life.

Tomazin Hmm, hmm. Well, uh yeah, I don't know what you know of Mr Smith, but you know, I mean he's not an idiot but it's unfortunate that he seems to be somebody's puppet um, and I suppose to what extent he'll end up...

Baillieu Do you want a parallel?

Tomazin Sorry?

Baillieu You want a parallel?

Tomazin Yeah.

Baillieu When was the last time these guys did this?

Tomazin Ahh, well, I don't know, you tell me. When was the last time they did it?

Baillieu See that's the obvious question for you inquiring minds to ask.

Tomazin Yeah, yeah.

Baillieu Take yourself back to 2002.

Tomazin Yep, stretching me, this was before slightly my time, but yes, yes.

Baillieu Come on.

Tomazin Uhhh...

Baillieu You were in Year 10.

Tomazin (laughs) God...um...

Baillieu Let's run your inquiring mind, who's settled on the stage?

Tomazin 2002, yep.

Baillieu Mmm hmm.

Tomazin Um, okay.

Baillieu Look at the...when Denis was ...started off as leader and then Doyle took over. Right? And, uh, um, I wouldn't want their names to be, I wouldn't want Kim Wells' name to be mentioned because we don't need to turn to revive all of the division because most of that division has dissolved a bit. He was elected Chairman, encouraged by the forces ...[inaudible]... decided to challenge Kim.

Tomazin The Young Turks, that's right.

Baillieu Yeah, the Young Turks.

Tomazin The Asher Judahs, all of those guys.

Baillieu Yeah. And remember what was said about Michael Gidley?

Tomazin Sorry?

Baillieu Do you remember what they said about Michael Gidley at the time?

Tomazin Well...

Baillieu How they briefed it?

Tomazin Yeah, well, he was...he's also an anti-abortion sort of person isn't he?

Baillieu Yep, yep.

Tomazin Yeah.

Baillieu But do you know what they said about him? Do you know what they said about him?

Tomazin No...

Baillieu They said he was a future leader.

Tomazin Oh did they? They didn't go that far did they?

Baillieu Oh yeah, that was all the line. He was the future Premier, the future leader.

Tomazin God...(laughs)

Baillieu He was going to be Premier.

Tomazin I remember the whole Young Turks and ambitious...

Baillieu Go and get it out, Go and get it out. And they ended up forcing poor old Kim Wells to sign a deal that he'd support him in another seat. And then he actually stood whenever it was in 2006...

Tomazin Yep, yep, in Mount Waverley, where, which yeah...

Baillieu And he was no good then. Are there for you to know see. And would you now be describing him as he was pumped up at the time? The technique with Michael Gidley was...the technique with Tim Smith, was the same as the technique adopted for Michael Gidley. I mean who decided that he was any good? I haven't seen anyone who knows him say he was any good at all.

Tomazin You mean Smith?

Baillieu Mmm.

Tomazin Yeah, yeah well I mean, well I suppose on paper his CV reads pretty well and certainly people he's, he's worked with would say that he was fine. Um, you know, I do sort of um laugh when I sort of read Ferg's piece saying future Premier...

Baillieu And now you're getting it. Who wrote the pieces back in 2002?

Tomazin Aha. Gotcha. Yep, yep.

Baillieu Dah-dah-dah-dah-dah.

Tomazin (laughs) My light bulb moment, we got there in the end. Um right. Yes, and um,...

Baillieu Who loves to...who loves the easy article in amongst their...[inaudible]...?

Tomazin (laughs) And we all know where some of those come from as well, cause some of us get that information...

Baillieu Yeah, yeah. There's three sources. There's three sources.

Tomazin Some of us have had the same information but haven't sort of published it because of the sort of, the, I suppose, the credibility of where it's coming from. Then we read it in The Oz on the front page and go shit, what the hell? Anyway.

Baillieu And Farrah, I'm taller than you so I get an aerial view of all of this.

Tomazin You're much taller than me so you get a very interesting view of it all.

Baillieu I've seen more of the battlefield than you guys.

Tomazin Oh, yeah, absolutely. And that's why it's useful to remind me of where things sort of came from and where things are at now because, yeah, I'd completely forgotten the whole Gidley thing...and he turned out to be a bloody star didn't he? (laugh)

Baillieu A triumph. A triumph.

Tomazin Um, anyway, well he's certainly Shaw's mate.

Baillieu All that's going on...I mean I've known these guys for 25 years and their tactics have not changed but the journos have and they forget.

Tomazin Yes, yes, it's true. Some of us haven't been around that long though. Um, anyway, look...

Baillieu The ones who have happen to be the ones who uh...[inaudible]...

Tomazin Yeah, yeah. Anyway, look I'll keep a bit of an eye on, I've obviously keeping great interest in the abortion stuff because that's a real worry. I mean as recently as last Thursday Geoff was at it again saying I'm going to introduce this bill and he reckons he's spoken to people on both sides of politics about it. Um, in fact he gave me a serve for a piece I wrote on the weekend, which I uh...

Baillieu Who's this? Who's he talking about?

Tomazin Shaw.

Baillieu Oh yeah.

Tomazin Yeah, so um, he's a real worry. That was, you know, obviously a problem that's not going away and should have been, you know, anyway...The Mary stuff, hopefully that works out in some form but how I don't know because, yeah even the Eastern play will result in bloodletting and really, are we going to put her through that all over again? But anyway.

Baillieu But you don't want to go through that anywhere. The obvious solution is back at the start.

Tomazin Back at the start? What does that mean?

Baillieu Oh. I've said way too much already.

Tomazin Um, the only other thing is, is...are there others that can be sort of tapped. Like for example, let me just sort of throw one out there, Murray. (laughs) Bless his cotton socks but he's been there a while and uh, you know, is there any, sort of, any other kind of way...

Baillieu No idea who you're talking about because I never hear his name mentioned anywhere anymore. Not even by himself.

Tomazin No, well, yes. Um, anyway...

Baillieu Well but that's an invitation to Mary to go and do the same thing all over again.

Tomazin Yeah, yes cause actually he's got the numbers stitched up down there hasn't he? So even if they tried probably have, nuh, that's not going to work. Oh, it's a blessed disaster, an absolute disaster.

Baillieu Go back to the start of the chain. That's where the solution.

Tomazin Okay, okay. Alright...

Baillieu If you use any of the language I've been uttering at you, I'll kill you.

Tomazin No, no, no, no. And you have my complete and utter word and as you know, I try not to bother you at the best of times, um, so I you know I very much appreciate you taking the time to, you know, set off a few light bulbs in my head. Look, thank you and again, rest assured there won't be any of this, in fact we didn't even have this conversation.

Baillieu Um, climb up on the bench, stand up tall and have a look at the issue from up there.

Tomazin I'll try to, my height's always been a uh, a problem but I'll take your advice on that one.

(Both
laugh)

Baillieu See ya.

Tomazin Alright, see you, bye.

Baillieu Bye.

What now. What should the penalty now be for Mr Baillieu? What about all of the others who have also leaked and been recorded by the Age? With the Liberal Party's leadership team behaving this way, there is little wonder that the Victorian Liberal Party is the worst performing Liberal division in the country: There are only 16 Coalition seats out of 37 in Victoria despite a massive swing to Tony Abbott nationally;

- From 2007 until now, Victoria has two less Federal MPs, while every other Liberal division has significantly increased representation; and
- On current polling, the Victorian Liberals are headed towards an historic first term defeat.

The only thing we know for certain is that Labor MP's won't have been this stupid to let themselves be recorded and if they have been Farrah Tomazin and Josh Gordon probably won't be releasing the tapes like this one. This cancerous cell has to be excised from the Victorian Liberal Party for the good of Victoria and the nation.

Source: [Unknown and anonymous for the time being it appears. Time can only tell who the anonymous contributor is.](#)