

## Pinball Obama

On April 27 Obama released his long-form birth certificate, in the form of a computer image based on information purportedly on file at the Hawaii Department of Health.

Obama does not release a simple photocopy of an original paper document, and the mainstream media is unlikely to make that clear. The “document” was created by pasting a text layer over a green, thatched security background. That is, a paper document was probably scanned, the background was electronically removed with computer software (such as Photoshop or Adobe Illustrator), and the text was then electronically pasted over the green background. Needless to say, many will question why someone went to the trouble to do that, as opposed to simply scanning the original document and posting a .jpg or .pdf file on the White House web site. (Of course, the extra steps allow for the possibility of electronically manipulating some of the text. It will not take long for the Internet to be abuzz with people asking why the image is not a single flattened file but layers.)

If nothing else, the release of the birth certificate proves the point many have been making for more than two years—that Obama had *not* released his long-form birth certificate, but only a short-form Certification of Live Birth, or COLB. Yet for two years the Obama administration and members of the mainstream media have been (incorrectly) repeating, “But he *did* release his birth certificate!” It has now been proven that he had not.

The document lists the address of Obama’s mother as 6085 Kalaniana’ole Highway. As noted in Part I of *The Obama Timeline*, current long-time (since before 1961) residents of nearby 6075 Kalaniana’ole Highway state that the residents of 6085 in 1961 were not Barack Hussein Obama, Sr., Stanley Ann Dunham, or grandparents Stanley and Madelyn Dunham, but university professor Orland Scott Lefforge and his wife, Thelma Young. Regardless of where Obama was born, in late August of 1961 his mother was living in a Seattle apartment (516 13th Avenue E), ready to begin classes at the University of Washington. (The Seattle telephone book entry is “Obama Anna Mrs EA3-3348”) Obama’s father, Barack Hussein Obama, Sr., was living in a Honolulu apartment at 625 11th Avenue in Kaimuki, walking distance from the University of Hawaii. (There is no evidence that Obama’s mother and father ever lived together.)

The document does not appear to have a raised seal. Some skeptics will likely focus on the fact that the document lists the “Race of Father” as “African.” African is of course not a race, and some might wonder why (in 1961) the term Negro or Black was not used. The father’s birthplace is listed as “Kenya, East Africa.” In 1961 the nation of Kenya did not yet exist; the area was part of the British Protectorate of East Africa in 1961. But the use of the name Kenya was not uncommon in 1961. Still others may question why the final digit in the year 1961 in fields 20 and 22 appears to have been modified. Also of note is the fact that the White House version of the document has text overlaying a green, thatched security background, while a version released by the Associated Press has a solid blue-gray background. (Why would they not be identical?) In the White House

version, the letters “AUG” appear to partly overlap the word “Date” in field 22. In the Associated Press version, the “AUG” appears thinner and lighter and does not overlap the word “Date” as much. (There may be a reasonable explanation for the discrepancies, but if there is it is not immediately clear.) More than a few doubters will be spending countless hours zooming in on every pixel of the document to look for Photoshop “artifacts.”

The release of the computer image (legitimate or not) will quiet some and perhaps most critics, but it will also prompt many to wonder why Obama waited over two years to respond to requests to release it. The conclusion made by most will be that, for purely political purposes, Obama kept the document hidden in order to make his opponents look foolish—and he released it only after the issue started to seriously impact his approval ratings. More than a few others will ask, “If Obama was willing to release the document now, why did he spend a fortune on attorneys fighting lawsuits challenging his eligibility—when simply releasing the document would have ended the issue?” (Lawyers at Perkins, Coie LLP do *not* come cheap. It is one thing to release a document because of pressure from a possible 2012 election opponent, and quite another to pay high-priced attorneys to spend two years fighting that same document’s release. It is not unreasonable to ask why Obama has been fighting the lawsuits.) Others will speculate that the “document” is fraudulent, or that he is still hiding something.

Is Donald Trump the winner in the birth certificate showdown because he challenged Obama and forced him to respond? Probably. Obama, who has bragged that he would have “the most open and transparent administration in history,” has shown that he is more than willing to ignore demands from the public, not understanding that he works for them and not the other way around. Yet when pushed by someone who has the audacity to challenge his audacity, Obama collapses like a Florida pool enclosure in a hurricane. (The best previous example of Obama collapsing under similar circumstances is his 2000 run for Congress, when Bobby Rush—who defeated him by a whopping 30 percent in the Democrat primary. Rush said, “Barack Obama went to Harvard and became an educated fool. Barack is a person who read about the civil-rights protests and thinks he knows all about it.” The simple truth is that Obama is a schoolyard bully who has fooled everyone into believing he is tough, but who will run home crying to his mother the first time someone punches him in his soft belly. Trump delivered that punch.)

The release of the “document” is yet another example of Obama’s unwillingness to lead and his inclination to react rather than act. Obama was forced to deliver a deficit reduction speech in response to the budget proposal put forth by Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI). He was forced to release his birth certificate in response to a challenge from Donald Trump. Obama now has to respond to rising gasoline and food prices—because he failed to take action in the past to reduce the likelihood of those increases occurring in the first place. Now the nation will get to see how Obama reacts when Trump asks, “Why is Obama using a Social Security number issued in 1977 to a man in Connecticut, when he was in high school in Honolulu at that time?”

The closer the voters get to the 2012 election, the more they will realize that Obama is not a leader, but a little polished ball in a pinball machine that merely bounces back and forth in response to the levers and paddles being activated by foreign leaders, the OPEC cartel, Planned Parenthood, ACORN, environmental activists, union heads, and Wall Street banks and hedge funds—while the media tilts the playing field in an attempt to influence its outcome. Now it's time for Trump to move from pinball to Whack-a-Mole.

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