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### **Romney/Rubio Ticket in 2012? Perhaps**

Rubio has hit the campaign trail by Romney's side rather hard lately. For example, he is the only Senator to have embarked on last weekend's Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia, at which Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama were also present.

"Senator Rubio has pushed to promote democracy" in the region, spokesman Alex Conant explained. "This summit is a good opportunity for Senator Rubio to discuss the importance of democracy with leaders from around the region."



But as noted by the *Washington Post*, there may be more to Rubio's appearance at the Summit than that. "Reminds us of a foreign jaunt made by another potential vice presidential pick back in 2004," the *Post* reports. "That would be John Edwards." In other words, Rubio's trip may have less to do with his concern for promoting democracy and more to do with his own political aspirations.

Rubio also appeared beside Romney in Pennsylvania in a last minute effort to campaign before the state's primary, which is being held today.

Commenting on the appearance of the Mitt Romney and Marco Rubio on Romney's campaign trail, Yahoo News reports, "It had the looks of a running mate audition, with the two men striding together through the Mustang Expediting delivery company's warehouse, and Romney occasionally stepping back to let Rubio handle some questions."

Likewise, it was just the other day that Rubio had an accidental slip of the tongue that may have revealed his underlying intentions about his political career:

"Three, four, five, six, seven years from now, if I do a good job as vice president — I'm sorry, as senator — I'll have the chance to do all sorts of things."

*Washington Post* columnist Al Kamen <u>wrote</u> an article last month wherein he implied that Rubio was the preferred choice of the globalist Bilderberg group, which has a history of selecting vice presidential candidates. In 2008, former Fannie Mae CEO and Bilderberg member Jim Johnson was asked by President Obama to select his running mate. Johnson was apparently also prominent in the decision to choose Jonathan Edwards as John Kerry's running mate in 2004.

The Bilderberg seems to play a significant role in the entire presidential election process in general. In June of 2008, for example, the press lost track of the whereabouts of both Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton in Northern Virginia, where a Bilderberg group was "coincidentally" hosting a meeting.

"Reporters traveling with Obama sensed something might be happening between the pair when they arrived at Dulles International Airport after an event in Northern Virginia and Obama was not aboard the airplane," <u>reported the Associated Press</u> at the time.

Dulles airport was just a few miles from the Westfields Marriott hotel where Henry Kissinger, David

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Rockefeller, and a number of other Bilderberg globalists were meeting.

When reporters questioned Obama's spokesman Robert Gibbs about Obama's whereabouts, Gibbs just smiled and declined to comment.

At the time, the neo-liberal website Wonkette, which typically dispels what it dubs to be "conspiracy theories," made the connection between Obama's disappearance and the nearby Bilderberg meeting.

"Guess who had a very private talky-talk in (maybe) romantic Northern Virginia tonight, probably at the Bilderberg Group meeting in Chantilly? Your Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton!" <u>states the blog</u>. "They really met and talked, in private, Thursday night. And really, it sounds like they did this at that creepy Bilderberg Group meeting, which is happening now, and which is so secret that nobody will admit they're going, even though everybody who is anybody goes to Bilderberg."

In 2009, *Politico's* Ken Vogel <u>reported</u> that Obama's officials were delivering private briefings to Bilderberg members in Greece. Vogel reported:

A handful of high-ranking Obama administration officials this month delivered private briefings at the annual invitation-only conference held by an elite international organization known as the Bilderberg group.

The closed meeting of some of the most powerful business, media and political leaders in North America and Western Europe heard from top Obama diplomats James Steinberg and Richard Holbrooke, who detailed the administration's foreign policy, while economic adviser Paul Volcker, chairman of President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, also gave a presentation at the heavily guarded seaside resort in Greece that hosted the event.

Clearly, the Bilderberg group has some political influence.

Though the Bilderberg group has described itself as a "small, flexible, informal and off-the-record international forum in which different viewpoints can be expressed and mutual understanding enhanced," it is widely accepted as a highly secretive and influential organization of globalists. Any lawmaker who paints themselves as constitutionalist, as the Tea Party favorite Rubio has attempted to do, would repudiate an endorsement from an organization like the Bilderberg group.

Of course, it is not just the Bilderberg group's possible preference for Rubio that raises questions about Rubio as a vice presidential candidate, but Rubio's voting record. According to the <u>Freedom Index</u> — a congressional scorecard that rates lawmakers based on how closely their voting records follow the United States Constitution — Rubio scored an average of 71 percent in his second year in the 112th Congress. That score was based on Rubio's records in significant votes such as the debt deal and indefinite detention.

Still, despite heavy speculation that Rubio is the likely VP choice, it may be too soon to consider Rubio's qualifications as Romney's VP, particularly as Romney has skirted the subject.

"We really haven't had a discussion yet of putting together a list, or evaluating various candidates," Romney said. "It's just at the very early stages," he told reporters.

"I don't think I have any comment on qualifications of individuals to serve in various positions in government at this stage," Romney added."That's something that we're going to be considering down the road as we consider various potential vice presidential nominees."





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