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## FILLON REPUBLICANS CANDIDATE SAYS HIMSELF VICTIM OF INSTITUTIONAL COUP DETAT

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#### FRENCH ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE INVESTIGATES ON THE SUSPICION OF PENELOPE FILLON'S FAKE JOB

The French anti fraud inspectors and prosecutors opened an investigation over the claim of Francois Fillon's wife to have been paid under a fake job.

The investigative weekly Le Canard Enchaîné reported that Penelope Fillon received the equivalent of €500,000 salary for employment as parliamentary assistant to her husband and later to his replacement at the National Assembly. It also reported, she was paid around 5,000 euros a month between May 2012 and December 2013 by a literary publication " La revue des deux Mondes"<sup>[?]</sup> owned by a close friend of Mr Fillon.-----

Francois Fillon had declared that his wife Penelope had "always worked" with him on a voluntary basis, and that he had hired her in 1997 after the departure of a parliamentary collaborator. But Le Canard enchaîné claims that it was first paid from 1988 to 1990, then in 1998, 1999 and 2000, and after François Fillon Matignon left in 2012 until November 2013, seven more years that he has affirmed. The wife of the right-wing candidate in the presidential election would have received 830,000 euros of gross salary as parliamentary attaché, plus 100,000 euros for La Revue des deux mondes. In addition, two of his children, whom he also paid, would have according to the Duck chained, received 84,000 €.

#### FRANCOIS FILLON WAS THE FAVORITE RANKED AFTER MARINE LEPEN THREE WEEKS AGO-----

Francois Fillon was now received by the National Public Prosecutor's Office. Going back to three weeks ago, Francois Fillon was installed in a very comfortable position of the favorite to be facing Marine Le Pen, at the first and the second round of the next Presidential elections. ( See article FRANCOIS FILLON WINS THE RIGHT PRIMARY AND SEEKS THE 2017 FRENCH PRESIDENCY WITH 66.5% OF VOTE AGAINST ALAIN JUPPE - See more at: <http://www.uspa24.com/bericht-10207/francois-fillon-wins-the-right-primary-and-seeks-the-2017-french-presidency.html#sthash.RkSjhJY3.dpuf> ) and See Draft of the Polls, image below-----

A first investigation was carried out by the financial judicial service. Indeed, and anticorruption, immediately after the article of the Journal "Le Canard Enchaîné" appeared, Francois Fillon went to the national financial prosecutor's office to present the documents about embezzlement of public funds, abuse of social property and concealment of these crimes , Investigations have multiplied. After the hearing of Mr Francois Fillon and his wife Penelope, during 5h, after a requisition in the office of the candidate in the Primary in the Assembly. As a result of this inquiry, Mrs Fillon does not have a badge of access to the French Parliament , nor a professional email address in the name of Pénélope Fillon, who is attached to her function. Of parliamentary attachment "as she had told them the day before, according to a source close to the file.

#### FILLON IS UNDER PRESSURE AND IT CREATES TURMOIL WITHIN HIS PARTY-----

The candidate of the right Francois Fillon declared that "the atmosphere became unbreathable and that he needs the others" against the members of the Office of the Republicans, at a meeting yesterday, to discuss the evolution of the campaign Presidential election for the candidate elected by his victory at the primary (See article FRANCOIS FILLON WINS THE RIGHT PRIMARY AND SEEKS THE 2017 FRENCH PRESIDENCY WITH 66.5% OF VOTE AGAINST ALAIN JUPPE

A number (17), of the Republicans MP's ask that Francois Fillon be replaced by its natural challenger, Alain Juppé (see article), following all these scandals, related to the media pressures surrounding the suspicion of fictitious jobs. Republican party activists are divided, according to polls, with 52% who still support Francois Fillon and the rest who consider him serving the party to lead the rest of the presidential campaign after this week of scandals revealed by the press.

The media focussing only on this case, baptised even "Penelopegate" have overshadowed the background of Francois Fillon's program which he had to defend at three months of the elections. According to the latest Elabe poll, Marine Le Pen is expected to lead, with 26% of voting intentions and followed by Emmanuel Macron who now comes in second place with 22% (Formerly Francois Fillon), followed by Then Francois Fillon with 19%, then Benoit Hamon 16% (Left Socialist) and finally Jean Luc Mélenchon with 10% (Extreme Left) and 4% for Francois Bayrou (Center). Emmanuel Macron with then that until then he was the third man according to almost all the hypotheses. In the second round, he would beat the candidate of the FN very much with 65% of the voting intentions, against 35%. This configuration means that Emmanuel Macron is now the favorite of the presidential elections.-----

The candidacy of Emmanuel Macron has reached a new stage. According to the survey Elabe for "Les Echos" and Radio classique, the candidate of En Marche "is approaching with great steps towards the Elysee Palace of the President of the French Republic would qualify easily, for the second turn and that Would win the presidential election with 65% against Marie Le Pen 35% of the presidential, regardless of the scenario of the first. "To my knowledge, in the history of the Fifth Republic, this situation has never occurred," Francois Fillon, said referring to the elimination of a presidential candidate "by other than democratic means" and "Institutional Coup d'Etat". Source (Reuters, Mediapart, Le Canard Enchaîné)

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