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Anthony Weiner's wife, Huma Abedin, is reported to have sought advice from her boss and friend, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in the aftermath of the New York Democrat's admission that he had online sexually charged relationships with other women even after they married last year.

The Wall Street Journal reports an initial talk between Abedin and Clinton took place early Monday afternoon, after Weiner told his wife the truth about his behavior that morning, but the paper doesn't provide details.

Abedin - who initially believed her husband's story that he had been hacked - reacted to Weiner's revelation with anger and sadness, but stayed composed, a source told The Journal.

Unlike the wives of other politicians who've admitted affairs, Abedin chose not to appear publicly with Weiner at his Monday afternoon press conference. "She has seen spouses stand there before — like Silda Spitzer — and look a lot less happy," a friend told the New York Post, referring to the wife of former Gov. Eliot Spitzer (D-N.Y.).

Abedin watched the press conference — which included countless apologies from the congressman to his wife — on television in New York and, afterwards, went out to dinner with Weiner and friends and family.

By Tuesday, the Journal says, Abedin returned to work at the State Department in Washington as she prepared to leave on a weeklong trip to Africa with Clinton.

"She's here, she's upstairs," Philippe Reines, deputy assistant secretary of state, said Tuesday. "She's doing her job. She hasn't missed a beat throughout."

Clinton and Abedin left on their trip late Tuesday.



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