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Al -

This is one of those notes I wish I didn't have to write. But I do. Because even though I'm trying to let more roll off my back these days, your item is so egregiously inaccurate, deceptive, and nonsensical that I can't bite my tongue.

Your numbers are off by a magnitude of 20 to 30. Not merely off by 20 to 30. By a MAGNITUDE of 20 to 30.

When you saw those numbers you honestly believed that Secretary Geithner has only been there 40 times in 40 months? Or Secretary Clinton 33 times? No alarm bells went off? It completely flies in the face of common sense. They aren't tourists who have to produce a drivers license when they go through the visitors center. They are cabinet secretaries who come and go constantly. Whatever methodology you relied on is about as accurate as saying that President Obama has never left or re-entered the White House because it's not logged in WAVES. And your inadequate parenthetical caveat makes me think you knew something was off. I don't even understand what "variant of their names" means. Someone's habitually misspelling Clinton a Crinton, or thinks her full name is Harriet Clinton?

I'm left wondering why you just didn't ask for correct numbers. If you had, I would have told you that through yesterday, Secretary Clinton's number is actually 681. Now, to be fair, it's possible that 642 of those times she left the building, told us she was headed to the WH, but went to Starbucks instead. She's slippery that way. But discounting that possibility, you're off by a factor of 20. If your own *factchecker* reviewed this item, you'd be lucky to get off with only three dozen Pinocchios.

So I'm sure the Post, in an effort to adhere to your own lofty standards, is anxious to correct the record here - either formally, or in your next column - to address this gross deception of your own readers.

If that's not the case, please do let us know as I'm sure another outlet - such as Politico - would be interested in writing about the true facts.

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White House guests

By Al Kamen

Washington Post

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If access is power, which Cabinet secretary has it — and, perhaps more interesting, which doesn't?

In The Washington Post's database of the White House visitor logs, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta shows up as a visitor to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue the least. One reason is that he has been on the job for less than a year.

And we should note that the database covering guests to the White House complex doesn't show us every visit (these bigwigs most often get waved in, or their visits might be logged under a variant of their names).

Moving up the list, Energy Secretary Steven Chu shows up on the logs a mere 14 times — and he has been with President Obama from the beginning of his administration. Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki has dropped by no more than 18 times during Obama's tenure, the logs show, and Interior Secretary Tom Vilsack and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood each clock in at 21.

Attorney General Eric Holder is the most frequent Cabinet-level guest, according to the database, logging 42 visits. He's followed by Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner at 40 and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at 33.

Make an interesting finding of your own while searching through the visitor logs? Let us know on Twitter with the hashtag #whitehouseguests.