

MEDIA GOES GAGA OVER ROCK-STAR BILL CLINTON'S CONVENTION SPEECH: CALLED THE MOMENT THAT WILL RE-ELECT OBAMA



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