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Obama stops at Seattle's Grand Central Bakery for a bite

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President Obama ponders the choices at a visit today to Seattle's Grand Central Bakery. The President stopped at the bakery for a round-table discussion with small business owners. He settled on a turkey-chutney sandwich.

Clinton loved his Big Macs. As for W., who knew what he ate, but certainly not broccoli. And President Obama? He'll have a turkey-and-chutney sandwich on Como bread with a side salad of spinach and Skagit Valley strawberries. At least that's what the President ate earlier today at Grand Central Bakery on a swing through Seattle. Obama was in town for two fund-raising events and stopped at the bakery's Pioneer Square location for a round-table discussion with small business owners.

But let's get back to the food. Not only did Mr. Obama order (and pay for) our favorite GCB sando plus a side salad with goat feta and Walla Walla onions, he cleaned his plate. And left with a raspberry jammer to go.

Grand Central Seattle's general manager Gillian Allen-White called the experience of nosing with the President "surreal." She was told prior to the visit that Mr. Obama might order something, but he probably wouldn't eat. Instead, after ducking into the kitchen and meeting the bakery staff, he brought a hefty

sandwich back to the table, took a bite and looked up at the hovering press corps. "Oh, you all need to order one of these," he said, according to Allen-White. Then he polished it off. "President Obama did damage to that meal," says Allen-White. "We talked and he ate. Part of me thought, aren't you off to a luncheon after this?"

So maybe we're a wee bit jealous that he chose Seattle for his rendezvous with a Northwest sandwich. But Allen-White says she has us covered. "I did say Portland more than a couple of times. I brought up our beloved sister to the south."

- Leslie Cole

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