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WASHINGTON Leo Melamed, the Chicago commodities trader who pioneered the formation of the futures market, was asked by the White House to review Hillary Rodham Clinton's controversial trades.

A story in Sunday's Washington Post cited Melamed in stating that technical rules may have been broken by not having Clinton make the trades herself. But Melamed said in a statement Monday, "Nothing in these records appears to reflect any trading violations on the part of Mrs. Clinton."

Melamed said records show Clinton's account was at times "thinly margined," but he said others were in the same position of not having enough cash in their accounts to back up their trades. Being under-margin was not a customer violation, but a firm violation, he said.
