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Subject notes

Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff?  
Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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[redacted]  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To [redacted]

cc [redacted]

Subject Re: [redacted]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

[redacted]



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06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

Subject

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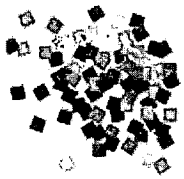
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To [redacted]

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [redacted]



Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

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Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
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> received a response from her and she has been out of  
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> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.

> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

> cc

> [REDACTED]@global.net

> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

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> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
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> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
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> expand on mine this weekend.

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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
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> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:









Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later [REDACTED]

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How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

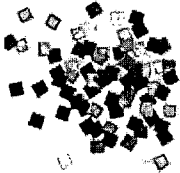
Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. Tomorrow is primary election day in VA. Still no transcript. I have taken a look at the recommendations that you sent me, but have not yet heard from Job. --- Peg

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [PDF]

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
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www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 01:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Job Sebrev

Peggy,

Regarding his travel for the EAC's May 18 meeting, I would concur with you that we should reimburse Mr. Serebrov in the amount of \$1200.03 for travel related expenses (hotel/mileage/per diem). Since there is a \$577.95 dollar difference in cost (travel via air vs travel via POV), I believe the \$1200.03 is more economically advantageous to the Agency. Attached is your drafted memo.



JobSerebrov\$1200.03reimbursement.pdf

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 04:45 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: travel 

Got It! You should receive a total travel reimbursement of \$1,533.02 for that trip. (I could not include the internet service fee the hotel charged, but everything else counted.) --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

 "Tova Wang"

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[Redacted]  
06/09/2006 04:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM

[Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: travel

Send it now. Let me know how much it is, so that I can include it in the total for reimbursement. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/12/2006 05:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

Perfect. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 4:09 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Will Call Later

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]

06/12/2006 04:46 PM

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/05/2006 04:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject

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recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

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If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To [redacted]

cc [redacted]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

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>> 06/08/2006 09:15 AM To  
>> psims@eac.gov  
>> "Job Serebrov" cc  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/13/2006 10:07 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Transcripts, Etc.

I can't do that time, I'll be at an event in DC.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 8:10 AM

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To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
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> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before then because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>, psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>, <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7

> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job

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> --- [REDACTED] wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm

>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> To: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>> >> Hi Job,

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>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
 >> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
 >> >> and distribution of work  
 >> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
 >> done.  
 >> >> Would it be possible  
 >> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
 >> >> the morning, say 8 am your  
 >> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
 >> your  
 >> >> time on Wednesday?  
 >> >> Thanks.  
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 >> >> Tova  
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"Job Serebroy"  
 [REDACTED]  
 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
 cc [REDACTED]  
 Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> To: [REDACTED]

> Cc: <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > Subject: Re:

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
[REDACTED]  
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To "Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference [REDACTED]

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

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Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang ([REDACTED]) wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peggy:

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> I can't predict when I get home but it is between

> 5:30

> and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late

> to

> have a teleconference.

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> I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend

> and work on my own as well as expanding the

> explanation of the case section.

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> Please see what your financial officer did with

> regards to my travel.

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> Thank you,

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> Job

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 06/08/2006 01:10 PM  
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> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

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06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

The Century Foundation

~~2000 Broadway, New York, NY 10001~~

~~phone: 212-535-7504 fax: 212-535-7501~~

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wang@tcf.org  
06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]> <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> To: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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Subject Re: voucher [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/19/2006 08:40 AM

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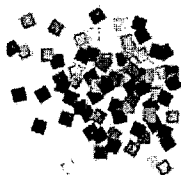
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
[www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"  
[REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: [REDACTED]

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
 > next week good for you  
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 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:19 PM

To [REDACTED]  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject Re: teleconference [REDACTED]

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy



wana@tofora

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

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06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

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----- Original Message -----

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>> >> [REDACTED] New York, NY 10021

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]>  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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"Simmons, Nancy"

<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov

>

06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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To: [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- [REDACTED] wrote:

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Tova Andrea Wang"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:21 PM  
> Subject: Re: Teleconference  
>  
>  
> > It will need to be early next week. What news of  
> the  
> transcript?  
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> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> >>  
> >> I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
> >> teleconference originally scheduled  
> >> for this evening. Is another day this week or  
> >> early  
> >> next week good for you  
> >> two?  
> >> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To: Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

cc: Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.

Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: Fw: The 7th Edition! [REDACTED]

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: [REDACTED]

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

I am sorry, but I have to postpone the teleconference originally scheduled for this evening. Is another day this week or early next week good for you two? Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

--- Tova Wang wrote:

> Hi Peg and Job,  
>  
> I don't know how we might be able to use these but  
> here, finally, are the

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we  
> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 AM

To: "Tova Wang" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: nexis

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[redacted]  
06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

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Democracy Fellow  
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~~phone: 212-777-7704 fax: 212-535-7504~~

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"Job Serebrov"

~~06/30/2006 10:02 PM~~

To ~~wang@tcf.org~~ psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> ~~wang@tcf.org~~  
> Cc: Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

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>  
> > That would be great on the contract.  
> >  
> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> > be very, very  
> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> > I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> > rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> > talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> > would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
> >  
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> about that.  
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> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
> >>  
> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> >>  
> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
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> >> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg



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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report

Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

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Democracy Fellow  
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[Redacted]  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"

~~twang@tcf.org~~  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:~~jserebrov@eac.gov~~]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ wrote:

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> Tova  
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> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> [REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

~~psims@eac.gov~~  
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" ~~psims@eac.gov~~

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: invoice [icon]

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To [redacted] psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
Subject Re: Various

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc "[REDACTED]"  
Subject Re: outline of final report [REDACTED]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject outline of final report

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 07:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"

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To psims@eac.gov

cc twilkey@eac.gov

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

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I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

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Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

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06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Various

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Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I  
> did attend, but I agree the issue is taking up too  
> much of your time. I just wanted you to be forewarned  
> that the paragraph has already raised red flags in  
> DC of and is likely to result in an edit. Enough  
> said about that.

> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you and Tova both agree, I'll see  
> if our Contracting Officer will approve a contract  
> mod to provide for some additional hours and money  
> to incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall within the tasks specified  
> in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but  
> there might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

> Peg

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06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" [REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To [REDACTED]@efara\_psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is this OK now?  
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> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
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To [REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Methodology for Cases



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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry 

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey  
cc  
Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Various

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

>> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted email address]

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

Bola Olu  
Financial Administrative Specialist  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue N.W., Suite - 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
P:202-566-3124  
F:202/566-3127  
<http://www.eac.gov/>

"Integrity - Treat everyone with the same principle, be loyal to those who are not present"

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy




Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
Subject Re: Various 

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy



06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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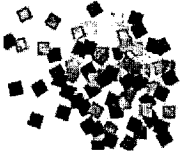
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebroy"

[Redacted Name]  
07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted Name]  
07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I think I've already gone over my hours. Let me know when I submit my invoice. If I have, I'll just reduce them on paper. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** [Redacted Name]

**Subject:** RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed [icon]

I thought I emailed an account of your hours used. Just in case I didn't, here it is again.



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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[REDACTED]  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM  
To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

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The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang [REDACTED]"

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.

> Tova

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> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation

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> [REDACTED]

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> Visit our Web site, [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED], for the latest news,  
> analysis, opinions, and events.

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> [Redacted]  
> Click here to receive our  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Funds 

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [Redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
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Subject Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
OV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

It sounds similar to the issues I had with the Donsanto interview. It was a classic example of the interviewers' interpreting what was said through their own biases.

It also is true that the original interview summaries failed to differentiate between the criminal definition of intimidation and the consultants use of the term.. The consultants have revised their definition to note that it goes beyond the legal definition, but we may need to repeat the statement where the DOJ interviews are referenced.

I have already brought the Donsanto matter to our contractors' attention. When they responded that they did not think they should redraft that section, I told them that the section will likely be edited. It appears that we will have to do the same with the reference to Tanner's interview.

Why don't we discuss this with Tanner (and Donsanto) after we have had a chance to review a consolidated draft of the final report? We can determine what clarifications or corrections are necessary at that time.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/11/2006 09:46 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

His concerns are that there were inaccurate or false statements about DOJ on pages 5 and 6, that in his words demonstrated a lack of understanding of criminal law.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/11/2006 09:26 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

Perhaps he was looking at the report that was delivered to the EAC boards. Let's find out what his concerns are so that we can address them.  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/10/2006 02:34 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

Tanner said he got it from Cameron. And referred specifically to pp. 5 and 6. I don't remember that the summaries of interviews were laid out that way.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/10/2006 02:29 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

I have not yet seen a draft final report. My best guess is that Tanner is concerned about the summary of his interview. I have already had discussions with our consultants about the description of the Donsanto interview, at which I was present. Wilkey knows that I won't let it go as is. I wasn't at the Tanner interview, but would be interested in hearing where he thinks the consultants went wrong.

It is possible that, due to my objections re the Donsanto interview, the consultants may have asked Tanner to review their description of his interview. I won't know for sure until I can contact them.

I gave you and Gavin a folder that included a summary of interviews, etc before the working group meeting. Also, the report delivered to the boards on this project is in the shared drawer under Research in Progress-Voting Fraud-Intimidation. That is everything I have at the moment.

Peg

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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/10/2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Thomas Wilkey  
**Subject:** Fraud and Intimidation Study

I received a call from John Tanner today who was upset with pages 5 and 6 of some draft paper that he had received regarding our Fraud and Intimidation Study. I am in a very uncomfortable situation in that I have not received a copy of this paper and the Office of General Counsel has not vetted this document and yet I am being questioned about why there are erroneous statements in this paper. Please provide me with a copy of this document and please explain to me how John Tanner got a copy of this document

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before I did.

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

It sounds similar to the issues I had with the Donsanto interview. It was a classic example of the interviewers' interpreting what was said through their own biases.

It also is true that the original interview summaries failed to differentiate between the criminal definition of intimidation and the consultants use of the term.. The consultants have revised their definition to note that it goes beyond the legal definition, but we may need to repeat the statement where the DOJ interviews are referenced.

I have already brought the Donsanto matter to our contractors' attention. When they responded that they did not think they should redraft that section, I told them that the section will likely be edited. It appears that we will have to do the same with the reference to Tanner's interview.

Why don't we discuss this with Tanner (and Donsanto) after we have had a chance to review a consolidated draft of the final report? We can determine what clarifications or corrections are necessary at that time.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/11/2006 09:46 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

His concerns are that there were inaccurate or false statements about DOJ on pages 5 and 6, that in his words demonstrated a lack of understanding of criminal law.

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 09:26 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

Perhaps he was looking at the report that was delivered to the EAC boards. Let's find out what his concerns are so that we can address them.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/10/2006 02:34 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

Tanner said he got it from Cameron. And referred specifically to pp. 5 and 6. I don't remember that the summaries of interviews were laid out that way.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/10/2006 02:29 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

I have not yet seen a draft final report. My best guess is that Tanner is concerned about the summary of his interview. I have already had discussions with our consultants about the description of the Donsanto interview, at which I was present. Wikey knows that I won't let it go as is. I wasn't at the Tanner interview, but would be interested in hearing where he thinks the consultants went wrong.

It is possible that, due to my objections re the Donsanto interview, the consultants may have asked Tanner to review their description of his interview. I won't know for sure until I can contact them.

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I gave you and Gavin a folder that included a summary of interviews, etc before the working group meeting. Also, the report delivered to the boards on this project is in the shared drawer under Research in Progress-Voting Fraud-Intimidation. That is everything I have at the moment.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/10/2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Thomas Wilkey  
**Subject:** Fraud and Intimidation Study

I received a call from John Tanner today who was upset with pages 5 and 6 of some draft paper that he had received regarding our Fraud and Intimidation Study. I am in a very uncomfortable situation in that I have not received a copy of this paper and the Office of General Counsel has not vetted this document and yet I am being questioned about why there are erroneous statements in this paper. Please provide me with a copy of this document and please explain to me how John Tanner got a copy of this document before I did.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:38 AM  
To: Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject: Fw: methodology

Please edit the attached Word document to remove the returns at the end of each line that are not needed, then send it to Tova and Job. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:37 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:25 PM  
To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

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Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 3:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

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--- Tova Wang [redacted]

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> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To [REDACTED]@sims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

>  
> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

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>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]

>> Subject: Various

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>> Peg:

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>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

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>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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>> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:40 PM To Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:25 PM To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

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To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

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07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report [REDACTED]

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

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[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

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not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?

> Peggy

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

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> Peg:

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> I checked my account this morning (July 5th) and  
> this

> still has not been paid. Did GSA mail it?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

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"Tova Wang"  
 [Redacted]  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM  
To: wang@tcf [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: FW: methodology

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cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: final report

Thanks. I probably won't be able to start getting into this until tomorrow AM. I noticed that the appendices weren't attached. I think we discussed earlier that the list of interviewees needed to

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have more information for the final report, and the list of books and documents should be presented in the same manner as a bibliography for the final report. We can talk more about this tonight during our teleconference at 7 PM EST. --- Peggy

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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject final report

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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher today, signed it, and gave it to Finance. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/17/2006 12:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report 

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is

[redacted] Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: final report

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject RE: final report

appendices attached, except Peg I think you put together the list of the working group members? In any case, I can't find one at the moment, but it would be easy enough to put together. Perhaps even Devon or someone could do that, especially since I don't think I have any hours left, and probably shouldn't even be writing this email. I don't remember the conversation about adding to the list of interviewees, but we can talk about that later.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: final report

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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

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"Tova Wang"  
twang@tcf.org  
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/19/2006 11:23 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher this morning, signed it, and submitted it to Finance. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
twang@tcf.org  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM  
To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <twang@tcf.org> [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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tel. [REDACTED]

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"Melissa Slemin"  
[REDACTED]  
07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To [REDACTED]  
maidenberg@ [REDACTED]  
"Kristen Engberg" <KEngberg@ [REDACTED]>  
"Michael Caudell-Feagan"  
[REDACTED] "Daniel Tokaji"  
[REDACTED] Charles Stewart III"  
[REDACTED] cstewart@MIT.EDU>  
Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Election Fraud Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah and the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, September 29-30, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Regards,  
Melissa Slemin

+++++  
California Institute of Technology  
Voting Technology Project  
MC 228-77  
1200 E California Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91125

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To [REDACTED] msims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

There was no telephone conference scheduled yesterday. If you all remember, due to my current job and grandchildren situation we were unable to arrange a teleconference.

--- [REDACTED] note:

> Whats going on? Where are we at? Thanks. Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]> "Job  
> Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 5:14 PM  
> Subject: No teleconference today  
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> > -----  
> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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[REDACTED]  
07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient;;  
cc  
Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

As some of you know, I have decided to voluntarily give up many of my voting rights and become a resident of the District of Columbia. As I will be simply transferring to The Century Foundation's DC office, my email will remain the same ([REDACTED]). My new work contact information as of August 8 is as follows:

The Century Foundation  
1333 H Street, NW  
10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

[REDACTED]  
I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM  
To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Election Research Specialist  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 04:59 PM

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cc

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[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 03:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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05/09/2006 11:33 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a person just like Perez. However, given this, I would still like to know if he has a party affiliation and this brings up another issue. How is the county election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the

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Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or if he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in his/her stead and a third member picked by the party with the most constitutional officers. Practically that has meant that the Democrats have controlled election commissions in Arkansas since the end of Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the situation in Texas.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
> Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> association of Texas  
> election officials and the two largest organizations  
> of election officials  
> in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The  
> Election Center. He  
> is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> Legislative Committee for the  
> Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> currently serves on  
> IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans  
> the educational  
> sessions for election officials that are conducted

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> at that organization's  
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election  
> Center have selected  
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> his professional  
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.  
> Perez also has access  
> to information from other States through his  
> membership in IACREOT and The  
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> which you will note if you  
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> Elections web site and  
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that  
> might be useful in the  
> upcoming meeting.  
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> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the  
> county had over 65  
> thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> doubled the number of  
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's  
> population claims  
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> Census Bureau. The county  
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,  
> Hays, Cladwell,  
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,  
> the county was  
> predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> years, many people have  
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> County, preferring to  
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> What political party is Perez with? How political is  
> he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?

> Who  
> appointed Perez?  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

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J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy

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"Jon Serebroy"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum

>

> Here' s his info in full:

>

> [REDACTED]

>

> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for  
> the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

>

> His contact and mailing info is:

>

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> Suite 400

> Washington, DC 20005

>

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>

> Tova Andrea Wang

> Democracy Fellow

> The Century Foundation

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> 41 [REDACTED] 1002  
> [REDACTED]  
>  
> Visit our Web site, <<http://www.ecf.gov>>  
> for the latest news,  
> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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> [REDACTED]  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



~~interest in the cause of the... If~~  
~~to a tumor, the working group session could~~  
~~...~~

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

>

> ~~...~~

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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace  
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---

> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" ~~...~~

> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Good News

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> I will have a better idea about ~~...~~ condition  
> today after surgery.

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> See:

> ~~...~~

> 500 ~~...~~ Street, NW

> P.O. Box 2168

> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> ~~...~~

> ~~...~~

> Asst: Carol Casstevens

> ~~...~~

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:

> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going

> > to

> > talk with the Chairman

> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do

> > you have contact

> > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>  
05/05/2006 12:09 PM

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - thank you. I will be there.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 9:16 AM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

The non-election officials on the Working Group currently include:

- Barry Weinberg, whom you know
- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (organization associated with the Voting Rights Project and Election Protection)
- Bob Bauer, Perkins Coie, DC (Democrat attorney)
- Mark "Thor" Hearne, Lathrop & Gage, St Louis, MO (Republican attorney)

I am trying to recruit one other Republican attorney, Patrick Rogers, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris and Sisk, NM, who was recommended by our Republican consultant. He would replace an original member who is no longer available.

I know that Barbara has associated at conferences and in legislative efforts with Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Also, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights is listed as on of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see [http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive\\_commitee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_commitee.html)).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig

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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

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To  
cc  
Subject

psims@eac.gov

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To  
cc

psims@eac.gov

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

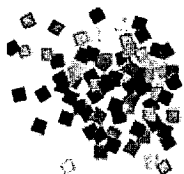
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel 

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Working Group Travel

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Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must

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take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of [REDACTED] ---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if [REDACTED] were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on [REDACTED] by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
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> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.  
> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be

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> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.

> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or [REDACTED]  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.

> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
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> > Job  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless [Redacted] dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case [Redacted] dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
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> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
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> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> > got to pick three  
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> > guidance regarding this  
> > particular member follows:  
> >  
> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
> >  
> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> > Tova's  
> > pick.  
> >  
> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > > >  
> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
> > > >

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~~the committee, 202-200-5133, http://www.votingrights.org~~

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>>>> He is the Director of the Voting Rights

> Project

>>> for

>>>> the Lawyers Committee

>>>> for Civil Rights. He will be representing

>> Barbara

>>>> Arnwine, the Executive

>>>> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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>>>> His contact and mailing info is:

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>>>> ~~the committee, 202-~~

>>>> ~~200-5133~~

>>>> ~~401 New York Avenue, NW~~

>>>> Suite 400

>>>> Washington, DC 20005

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

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05/04/2006 02:28 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

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05/12/2006 01:41 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

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"Job Serebrov" 

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05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition



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05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 03:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

@GSAEXTERNAL

I have placed another call to his office (after one previous call to his assistant and an email to him). I, too, am concerned about our dwindling chances. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Given the short time period, you may want to give Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer our chances are of getting Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have
- > received a "No" from
- > Ginsberg. --- Peg
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 02:33 PM  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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04/26/2006 04:37 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: interview analysis [REDACTED]

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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[Redacted]  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

The bio for JR Perez tells us very little about him and there is pretty much nothing about him on the web. Can you tell us more about him and how you decided on him? Thanks. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

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05/10/2006 10:27 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

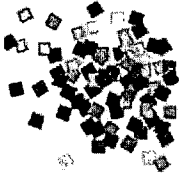
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Subject Re: Court reporter 

Thanks for checking this out for me, Devon. I've asked Tom if there are funds available for this service. Our consultants were very enthusiastic about the idea. --- Peg

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/04/2006 02:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy,

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Can I help on this working group?

Elle

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To pdegregorio@eac.gov, rmartinez@eac.gov,  
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cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Good News

Job:

Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to talk with the Chairman today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do you have contact information for Rogers? --- Peggy


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05/04/2006 05:20 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject

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RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg -- I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" <twang@[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition 

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fraud Definition


Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: invoice 

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

- (1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and
- (2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:10 PM

To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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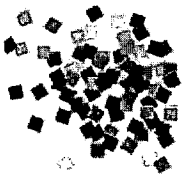
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cc

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> Hi Peg,  
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> Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you  
> know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very  
> unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting  
> 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I  
> said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 01:11 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just received an update about Ms. Arnwine's schedule. She is not available on May 9th.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 10:56 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---

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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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05/05/2006 09:20 PM

Please respond to  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

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Tova Wang made a reservation on priceline.com. Here are the details of the trip.

### Hotel Details

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04/26/2006 09:19 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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Are you available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Unfortunately, I have to get the Working Group together before then, so that my consultants can prepare the final report before June. (In June, I lose one of them to State employment.) In understand about the crammed schedule. This month and next are chock full.

Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >  
05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary

Donsanto lists four types of election fraud: schemes to purposely and corruptly register voters who either do not exist, or who are known by the putative defendant to be ineligible to vote under applicable state law; schemes to cast, record or fraudulently tabulate votes for voters who do not participate in the voting act at all; schemes to corrupt the voting act of voters who do participate in the voting act to a limited extent; and, schemes to knowingly prevent voters qualified voters from voting.

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Donetta L.  
Davidson/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 03:57 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting 

Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Conference Call

Peggy:


I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Conference Call 

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If "Yes", check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all

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alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:  
>  
> As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears  
> to be the best  
> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not  
> available to attend in  
> person that day (he is available only 2 days during  
> the first three weeks  
> of May). We won't have confirmation of the  
> availability of Secretary  
> Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.  
>  
> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:  
Are yu available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
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Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----

"Job Serebroy"

[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be  
> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.

> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or [REDACTED]  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.

> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
> >  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> >  
> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
> >  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >

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> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > it  
> > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > out  
> > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground

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> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Literature Summary

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** wang@cf.org

**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

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05/11/2006 03:45 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

- > is Jon Greenbaum
- >
- > Here' s his info in full:
- >
- > [redacted]
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- >
- > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for
- > the Lawyers Committee
- > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
- > Arnwine, the Executive
- > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
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- > His contact and mailing info is:
- >
- > [redacted]
- > [redacted]
- > [redacted]
- > Suite 400
- > Washington, DC 20005
- >
- >
- >
- > Tova Andrea Wang
- > Democracy Fellow
- > The Century Foundation
- > [redacted]
- > [redacted]
- >
- > Visit our Web site, <<http://www.civillib.org/>>
- > [redacted] the latest news,
- > analysis, opinions, and events.

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>  
> ~~mailto:psims@eac.gov~~  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy  
>  
>  
>  
> "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is

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> > something wrong in the fourth  
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> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez [REDACTED]

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

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"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5\_5\_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez  
Elections Administrator  
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[Redacted]  
05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---  
Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [Redacted]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

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said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

Peggy Sims  
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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group List

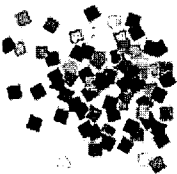
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working  
> Group members. I need  
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the  
> day, and have not heard  
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a  
> vacancy, or list Norcross  
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a  
> substitute, we can always  
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo\\_landing.html?category=sweet\\_sleeper](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper)

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang

204 [REDACTED]

Phone: 212 [REDACTED]

(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov

21 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

05/02/2006 05:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell [REDACTED]. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]


**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** 

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group


Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

  
04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: interview analysis

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 01:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

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Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Response to the CB Report FINAL.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

To [Redacted]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

To

000191





05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have placed another call to his office (after one  
> previous call to his  
> assistant and an email to him). I, too, am  
> concerned about our dwindling  
> chances. --- Peggy

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>  
>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition

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>  
> Given the short time period, you may want to give  
> Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer  
> our chances are of getting Braden.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> > received a "No" from  
> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Fraud Definition

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> >  
> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,  
> > the  
> > > WG will have  
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you  
> > and  
> > > Tova containing the  
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > > sent anything yet  
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > > inclusion. (Still  
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> > >  
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > > very short meeting after  
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference  
> > the  
> > > following Monday  
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll  
> > be  
> > > out of the office  
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin  
> > that  
> > > day. --- Peggy  
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> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > > cc  
> > >  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> > packets  
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure  
> > with  
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a  
> > > teleconference  
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We

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Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

To psims@eac.gov

05/10/2006 11:51 AM

cc

Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need  
> to know as we continue  
> our search.) -- Peg  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Update  
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> Peggy:  
>  
> Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move  
> on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still  
> no  
> good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not  
> workable.  
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> Job  
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>  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative 

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

**4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.**

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" 

"Job Serebrov" 

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc


Subject Re: new working group representative


I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

>  
> To  
> "Tova Wang" <> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang <~~\_\_\_\_\_~~> wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:  
> >

> ~~http://www.democracyforamerica.org/2005/web/swag/aboutus/steveb/stevebgreenbaum.htm~~

> > 1  
> >  
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > His contact and mailing info is:

> > ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
> > ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
> > ~~1401 New York Avenue, NW~~  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005

> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]> note:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
>  
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> tomorrow. Depositions all  
> day today. Thanks, Pat  
>  
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?  
>  
>  
> Patrick J. Rogers  
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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> [REDACTED]  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> Tel: [REDACTED]  
> Fax: [REDACTED]

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> Subject: Working Group meeting

> Pat:  
>  
> The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> project is scheduled for  
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> Could you come? If so,  
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.  
>  
> Regards,  
>  
> Job

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> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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[Redacted]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

000202



[Redacted]

05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM

To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Working Group

000204

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



"Job Serebry"

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

000206

I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.



----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc


Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

"Tova Wang"

  
05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included



news article review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** 


**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

 dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

000207



Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:  
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> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE  
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> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
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> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY  
> ELECTION COMMISSION.  
> (a) The position of county elections  
> administrator is filled by  
> appointment of the county election commission, which  
> consists of:  
> (1) the county judge, as chair;  
> (2) the county clerk, as vice  
> chair;  
> (3) the county tax  
> assessor-collector, as secretary; and  
> (4) the county chair of each  
> political party that made  
> nominations by primary election for the last general  
> election for state  
> and county officers preceding the date of the  
> meeting at which the  
> appointment is made.  
> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of  
> the commission's  
> membership is necessary for the appointment of an  
> administrator.  
> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a  
> written resolution or  
> order signed by the number of commission members  
> necessary to make the  
> appointment. Not later than the third day after the  
> date an administrator  
> is appointed, the officer who presided at the  
> meeting shall file a signed  
> copy of the resolution or order with the county  
> clerk. Not later than the  
> third day after the date the copy is filed, the  
> county clerk shall deliver  
> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the  
> secretary of state.  
> (d) The initial appointment may be made at  
> any time after the  
> adoption of the order creating the position.  
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> \*\*\*  
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> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
> (a) A county elections administrator may  
> not be a candidate for a  
> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or  
> hold an office of or position in a political party.  
> At the time an  
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an  
> office or position in  
> violation of this subsection, the administrator  
> vacates the position of  
> administrator.  
> (b) A county elections administrator  
> commits an offense if the  
> administrator makes a political contribution or  
> political expenditure, as  
> defined by the law regulating political funds and  
> campaigns, or publicly  
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or  
> a measure to be voted  
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection  
> is a Class A  
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the  
> administrator's employment is  
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible  
> for future appointment  
> as county elections administrator.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> The code attachment did not work that is what I  
> meant  
> by it did not come through.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> > a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> > would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> > and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> > in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> > party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > > to  
> > > find a nonpartisan  
> > > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > > Group. The three of us  
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> > > proposed that I find  
> > > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > > colorful  
> > > history of voting  
> > > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > > it.  
> > > In those Texas  
> > > counties that hire Election Administrators to  
> > > run  
> > > elections, rather than  
> > > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > > voter registration;  
> > > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > > Administrator is hired by the  
> > > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > > perform his or her duties in  
> > > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts  
> > > from  
> > > Texas Election Code  
> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan  
> > > activity.)  
> > > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > > familiar with voting fraud  
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that  
> State.  
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> > > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > > years experience as a county Election  
> > Administrator  
> > > in Texas. You won't  
> > > find many news articles mentioning him because  
> he  
> > > has kept his nose clean.  
> > > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > > country, prefers to  
> > > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > > association of Texas  
> > > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > > of election officials  
> > > in this country: the International Association  
> of  
> > > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM


To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy




Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with

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>> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
>> fill  
>> that position since I am one down.

>> --- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

>>> is Jon Greenbaum

>>> Here' s his info in full:

[redacted]

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>>> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
>> for

>>> the Lawyers Committee  
>>> for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> Barbara

>>> Arnwine, the Executive  
>>> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

>>> His contact and mailing info is:

>>> [redacted]

>>> [redacted]

>>> [redacted]

>>> Suite 400  
>>> Washington, DC 20005

>>> Tova Andrea Wang  
>>> Democracy Fellow  
>>> The Century Foundation

>>> [redacted] New York, NY 10002

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

@GSAEXTERNAL

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
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> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or [REDACTED]) who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

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--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.



If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims  
 Election Research Specialist  
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang"   
 cc  
 Subject Re: arnwine 

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 



"Tova Wang"  
  
 05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject arnwine

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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:28 PM -----

Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV  
04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call [REDACTED]
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

>

> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

>

> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back

> to say she would be

> available Wednesday through Friday this week and

> next week for the

> interview. Which day and time is best for you and

> Job?

>

> --- Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

>

> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

> Subject

> donsanto again

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> Hi Peg,

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> Happy Easter!

>

> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about

> this latest initiative,

> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

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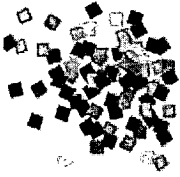
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To

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"Tova Wang"

04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] recortes@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

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Tova Andrea Wang  
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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
[REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)" [REDACTED]



"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

[REDACTED]  
>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

04/18/2006 04:02 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Peggy,

I am attaching a link to a recent book published by a Kentucky History Professor, Tracy Campbell, which details voter fraud on state and national level. It is very interesting reading.

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

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To   
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"Tova Wang"  
 [REDACTED]  
 04/21/2006 11:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 cc  
 Subject summaries of interviews

Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov [Redacted]"  
cc  
Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"



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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

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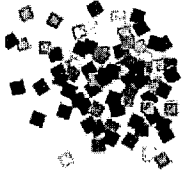
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group



Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Peggy

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Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
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To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

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Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject case charts 2

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Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]

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And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott  
cc  
Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** wang@eac.gov

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
 >  
 > I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
 >  
 > Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
 > to say she would be  
 > available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
 > next week for the  
 > interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
 > Job?

> --- Peggy

> [REDACTED]  
 > 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

> To  
 > psims@eac.gov  
 > cc  
 > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
>

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"Tova Wang"  
<[twang@tcf.org](mailto:twang@tcf.org)>  
04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject interview analysis

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<[Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov](mailto:Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov)>  
>  
05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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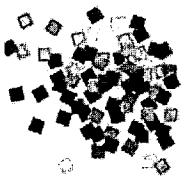
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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~~REDACTED~~  
05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~REDACTED~~  
cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts 

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job  
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the  
> following files that appear  
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?  
> --- Peggy  
>  
>  
>  
>

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

Subject list of interviewees

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>

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05/05/2006 12:56 PM

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Colver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebroy"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Latham 

One source suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. 

  
"Job Serebrov" 

 "Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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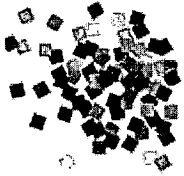
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"



To dromig@eac.gov

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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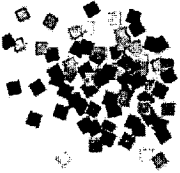
that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project.  
I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

---

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews; literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

---

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.

--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Craig:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 04:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL, Tova Andrea Wang  
cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



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05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
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05/09/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

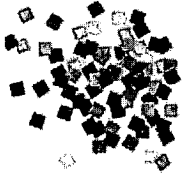
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pegasims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
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> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
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> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing

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> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
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> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

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Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebroy"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Question

Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc   
Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

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**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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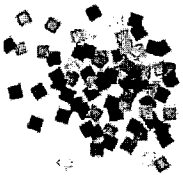
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

Devon Romig  
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

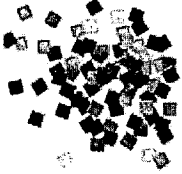
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO  
Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
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"Tova Wang"

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05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/21/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

[REDACTED]  
>  
04/18/2006 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Peggy,

I am attaching a link to a recent book published by a Kentucky History Professor, Tracy Campbell, which details voter fraud on state and national level. It is very interesting reading.

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

Sarah Ball Johnson  
Executive Director

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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > CC

> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative

> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:

> > > [REDACTED] /2005website/...

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> > >  
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel [REDACTED]. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:  
Title:  
Entity for whom you work:  
Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:  
Work Telephone:  
Fax Number:  
Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Job Serebrov"  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- >
- > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
- > 4 1/2 hours. We really
- > need to have you here in person if you are to help
- > conduct the Working
- > Group meeting. You should make your travel
- > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy
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- > "Job Serebrov" ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~
- > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM
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- > To
- > psims@eac.gov, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~
- > cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> in  
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> money  
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> for  
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> for  
> this working group meeting to take place in person.  
> It  
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by  
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> the  
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
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> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Hi, Folks:  
> >  
> > Teleconference  
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > please suggest another  
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > preparations for the  
> > Working Group meeting.  
> >  
> > Working Group Members  
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > nonpartisan local  
> > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > objections to him. He  
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > Rogers office, but  
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > pull with him, you  
> > may want to contact him, too.

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> >  
> > Travel Arrangements  
> > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > including hotel. Travel  
> > time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> > hours actually worked on  
> > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > preparation for the meeting,  
> > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> >  
> > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > hotel taxes (if you  
> > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > rates that are a little  
> > higher)  
> > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it  
> is  
> > \$48 on the first and  
> > last day of travel)  
> > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> > mile  
> >  
> > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out  
> a  
> > travel authorization  
> > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> > receipt (or mileage  
> > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > transportation receipts and a  
> > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > total travel expenses due  
> > you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> > meal receipts.  
> >  
> > Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> > for personal reasons are  
> > not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> > however, is to give me a  
> > comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage,  
> hotel,  
> > and per diem of doing  
> > it your way against the cost of a roundtrip  
> flight,  
> > ground transportation,  
> > hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> > should be no problem to  
> > cover the full cost. If your way is more  
> expensive,  
> > we may only pay up to  
> > the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> > apply to me when I  
> > travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> > you will spend the  
> > night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
> >  
> > Peggy  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have  
> already established we are  
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about  
> Ginsburg yet anyway,  
> right?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: [redacted]  
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > Here' s his info in full:  
> >

[redacted]

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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> >  
> > His contact and mailing info is:  
> >  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
> >  
> >  
> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
> > The Century Foundation  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
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> > Visit our Web site, [http://www.votingrights.org](#)  
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> > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> > I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65

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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
> >  
> > --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
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000290

Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

000291

going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
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> > > [REDACTED]  
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Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [redacted]

000295



Cc: [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

Subject: Working Group

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> > [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

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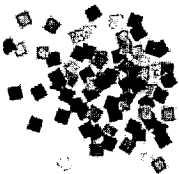
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson [Redacted],  
barnwine [Redacted],  
dlovecchio [Redacted], Rbauer [Redacted]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted] dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

[Redacted]  
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"Job Serebry"  
[Redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

000296



I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> > tomorrow. Depositions all  
> > day today. Thanks, Pat

> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> > Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
> > P.O. Box 2168  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> > [REDACTED]

000300

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> > -----Original Message-----  
> > From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
>  
> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> > To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Subject: Working Group meeting  
> >  
> > Pat:  
> >  
> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> > project is scheduled for  
> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> > Could you come? If so,  
> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.  
> >  
> > Regards,  
> >  
> > Job  
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> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[Redacted]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

000302

Barry:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or [REDACTED]  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
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05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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"Job Serebrov"  
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05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

000305 4

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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> > be legitimate reasons  
> > for not doing so).  
> >  
> > I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> > am waiting to hear if  
> > he accepts our invitation to join the working  
> > group.  
> > --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud

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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,

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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> > --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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> > To

> > psims@eac.gov

> > cc

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> > Subject

> > Re: Working Group

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> > Peggy:

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> > What political party is Perez with? How political

> > is

> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?

> > Who

> > appointed Perez?

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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise

> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting

> > knocked

> > off Tova's list?

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> > Job

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about [redacted] condition today after surgery.

See:

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
P.O. Box 2168  
Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Asst: Carol Casstevens  
[redacted]

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
- > to be the best
- > possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
- > available to attend in
- > person that day (he is available only 2 days during
- > the first three weeks
- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
- > availability of Secretary
- > Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
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- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**Subject:** research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

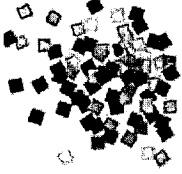
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
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202.566.3128 fax  
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"Tova Wang"

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group



I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

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05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [redacted]; [redacted]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM

**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
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Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

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Double voting: 15  
Registration fraud: 29  
Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
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Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
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Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Colliver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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[REDACTED]  
05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
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> Are you talking about this?  
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> J~  
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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:  
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>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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Ineligible Voting: 3  
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Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2

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Other: 8

Unclear: 3

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

[REDACTED]

He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara Arnwine, the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee.

His contact and mailing info is:

[REDACTED]

Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

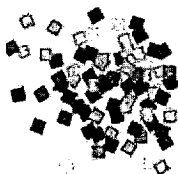
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC. Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
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OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group 

@GSAEXTERNAL

Job:


I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 4 1/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP.

--- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

 05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile

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>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
>  
>  
>  
>

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Latham  
>  
>  
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>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Update 

[REDACTED] SAEXTERNAL

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang"

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.  
----- Original Message -----  
From: <psims@eac.gov>  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM  
Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
> Tova:  
>  
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy  
>  
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
>

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
OV  
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John Tanner Comments

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
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<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov  
>  
08/10/2006 12:29 PM

To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject



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Cameron P. Quinn  
Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice  
Washington DC 20530  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/10/2006 01:55 PM -----

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy


Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Interview Request 



000336

Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jeannie Layson  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Interview Request

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The only question he asked that I don't know the answer to is when we expect the final report. Peg... please weigh in on this.

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
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To: Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Do we have a policy on distributing the items she is requesting?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 10/11/2006 11:33 AM -----



"Wendy Weiser"

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[Redacted]

10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject request for reports

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser  
Deputy Director, Democracy Program  
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law  
161 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Has the working group met since the preliminary report was given to the Standards Bd?

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Juliet Hodgkins; Bryan Whitener; Tamar Nedzar  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV



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10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The working group met prior to the meeting of the EAC boards, but too late for its deliberations to be summarized in the written status report on the project that was delivered to the boards. The status report notes that a meeting of the working group was about to be held to review the research so far and make recommendations. ---- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 01:03 PM

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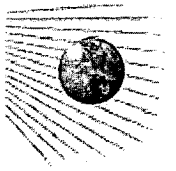
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10/11/2006 10:20 AM

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cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Interview Request

Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

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**From:** Jeannie Layson  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Interview Request

Mr. Chairman,

Will Lester of the Associated Press wants to interview you briefly via phone about the preliminary fraud report. I recommend you accomodate him, as he has dutifully covered EAC, and plans to include us in a story next week about the election lanscape. He has requested a copy of the preliminary report, which I am sending to him. He only needs a few minutes, and as we discussed, i think the message is that these are preliminary findings that we presented to our advisory boards to get their input. When the final report is complete, we will release it. You can also use some of the talking pts from your speech, such as the challenge related to the very definition of the term "fraud," as people define it differently. How about I set it up for noon?

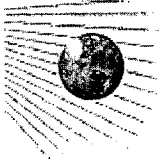
The only question he asked that I don't know the answer to is when we expect the final report. Peg...

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please weigh in on this.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to given on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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**Subject:** Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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"Wendy Weiser"

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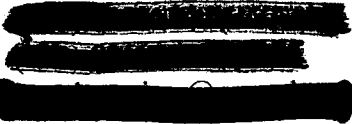
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Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.


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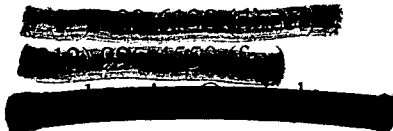
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Subject: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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To: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Funding

Peggy,

Could you give Jeannie a call she needs some help fashioning a statment regarding the USA Today article since Tova and Job are hoping mad

Thanks

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study


Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc  
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I will IF they sign off on it

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter [REDACTED]

Art Levine

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

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[REDACTED]  
Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News

By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

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Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

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To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
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cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

Visit our Web site [\[redacted\]](#) for the latest news, analysis, opinions, and events.

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

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10/13/2006 03:26 PM

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Regards,

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioners but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Bryan Whitener

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**Cc:** Jeannie Layson  
**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.


(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.  
We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.  
Thanks for your help.  
Tom

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Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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Subject today's posting

Dan,


Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?

Is it a report or just a staff document ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News

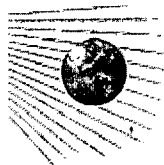
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

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Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

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Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.

--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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To Thomas Wilkey

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Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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cc

Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

:-)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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To eaccon@eac.gov  
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Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 04:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
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See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
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To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie  
Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House  
Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

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"Dan Seligson"

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03/09/2007 02:26 PM

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,  
Dan

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc ddavidson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

03/13/2007 02:25 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Re: 

The info that is on the website should be everything that you and she need. If you have trouble locating that info, Jeannie can probably direct you to where you can find it.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Karen Lynn-Dyson

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Karen Lynn-Dyson

**Sent:** 04/02/2007 11:02 AM EDT

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Cc:** Juliet Hodgkins; stephanie.wolson@gmail.com

Peg-

This week Heather Moss, a research intern will be starting with us. Heather is presently in law school and worked for DOJ in the Voting Rights Division for four years. Heather's primary responsibility (for the next month or so) will be helping us develop the follow- on research project for the Election Crimes study.

Also as an FYI- Commissioner Hunter and her Special Assistant, Stephanie Wolson have expressed an interest in working closely with staff on this project.

I would like to schedule a call/meeting for later on this week so that everyone can be brought up to speed on this work.

In preparation for this meeting I would like to give Heather the project materials which Job and Tova worked on and any relevant material you may have .

Could you direct me to these files so that Heather may begin her work on this project? Could you also let me know dates and times this week that might work for you?

Thanks

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04/03/2007 06:22 PM

cc jthompson@eac.gov, klynndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2007 05:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
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cc  
Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go here for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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believe you can find it at the following link:

[attachment "20070411voters\_draft\_report.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

I will need to get back with you regarding the Contract Employees scope of work.

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04/17/2007 01:27 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Vote fraud report 

As far as I know, you are absolutely correct! Julie did the bulk of the rewrite and used my analyses of the preliminary info submitted by our contractors. I know that I had no contact with the administration regarding this study. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
jthompson@eac.gov

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Subject Vote fraud report

The St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote an editorial that said the administration edited our report. I am almost absolutely sure that is not true, but I wanted to confirm that with you before I request a correction. Thanks.

Jeannie Layson

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04/17/2007 03:18 PM

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Subject Re: Need emails 

Julie:

The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2007 03:07 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia."
  - Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

*2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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Subject Need your help ASAP

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Peg,

If possible, I need answers for these questions in reference to the vote fraud/voter intimidation project by 2 p.m. today for an inquiry for Congressional Quarterly:

1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?
2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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To eaccon@eac.gov  
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Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
[REDACTED]

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Job and Tova

I spoke to Job about the documents that I need. He will send me his summary of the articles/books that he read. However, he said that Tova also summarized some of those articles/books. I don't have a contact number/email for Tova. Could you contact her and ask her to provide us with any summary of the articles/books that she read as they are listed in Appendix 2?

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11/03/2006 07:11 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Fw: please investigate

Hi-

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Thanks

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To [REDACTED]m, HAVAinfo@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Cheryl Bollinger  
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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

**Attend the Department of Justice's Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium.** The consultants also believe it would be useful for any further activity in this area to include attendance at the next Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

**Footnote:**

By attending the symposium researchers could learn more about the following: How *DEOs* are trained, e.g. what they are taught to focus their resources on; How they are instructed to respond to various types of complaints; How information about previous elections and voting issues is presented; and, How the Voting Rights Act, the criminal laws governing election fraud and intimidation, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act are described and explained to participants.

DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

--- Peggy

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Thanks. Currently, on the phone with Job. Ugh!!!!

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



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Julie:

I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Thanks so much for all of your help. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Margaret Sims

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> 57 Field Divisions will  
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> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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"Job Serebrov"  
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Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

Peggy:

This is incorrect. Our project ends May 31. This month's invoice is due on April 21 and is invoice number 3. Invoice number 4 is due at the end of May.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

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--- Peggy

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To  
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Hi Peg,

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Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**T** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter  
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on  
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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To Craig Donsanto

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** Tony Sirvello

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call [REDACTED] (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode [REDACTED]. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office ([REDACTED]) Thanks!

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

Tony

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
> >  
> > --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
> >  
> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc


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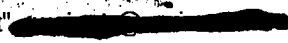
04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" 



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)

Fax: 202-566-3127

email: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---

Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> >  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> >  
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 


 GSAEXTERNAL

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>




"Job Serebrov"

  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM


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Subject Re: Literature Summary

  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To wa 

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

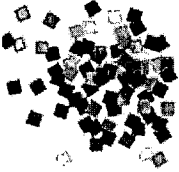
Peggy:

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As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

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As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

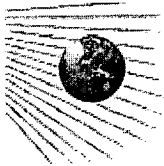
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number [REDACTED] and passcode [REDACTED].

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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-----Original Message-----

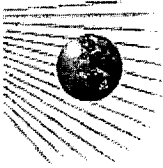
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Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV

04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am [REDACTED] pas [REDACTED]

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To: psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject: RE: Your Materials

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.

> Peggy

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang

> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Cc: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

> Subject: Fw: research summary

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> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include

> so as I said I'll just

> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> To: <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM

> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > T~

> >

> > Are you talking about this?

> >

> > J~

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> > [REDACTED]

> >

> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that

> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the

> >> existing literature review (that Job, you

> approved)

> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go

> >> into the office over the weekend, which is

> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,

> I'll

> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to

> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

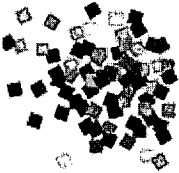
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV


05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/16/2006 01:41 PM

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cc  
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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the

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requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

Elle L.K Collver

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Colver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"  
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] INTERNAL  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: press interview [icon]

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

[REDACTED] 21  
phone: [REDACTED]

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Campbell, Benton"  
<Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Thank you for this, Peg.

The third bullet point is one I embrace fully. We lack the statutory tool to do the job. Hopefully, that can be remedied through legislation. But as things stand today large loopholes in the federal legal matrix addressing electoral abuse and fraud exist - - particularly when such abuses occur in elections where there were no federal candidates on the ballot.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 8:44 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

### **Existing Research Analysis**

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on BlackBerry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: barnwine@ [REDACTED].org < [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].org>

Rbauer@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>

< [REDACTED]>; mhearne@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>

< [REDACTED]>; jrperez5@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>

krogers@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>; assistant@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>

< [REDACTED]>

CC: jgreenbau@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>;

vjohnson@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>

dlovecchio@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>;

bschuler@ [REDACTED] < [REDACTED]>, Donsanto, [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"

04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"

04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info [icon]

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
317-232-6536  
[REDACTED]ssistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for  
> him to assess the  
> level of public attribution that would be  
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> so that I can forward  
> it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me  
> with a prompt  
> response, which I will forward to you.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]

cc [redacted]

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- >
- > The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in
- > attending the meeting. Due
- > to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at
- > the week of May 15.
- > Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy
- >
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To: Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

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Work Group Contact Info.xls

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
 >

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May:

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
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04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" ██████████, "Tova Wang"  
██████████  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the working group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.  
Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regrettably not public at present.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it  
our in a couple months.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found  
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that  
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our  
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that  
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"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see  
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04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews [REDACTED]. I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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[REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED]  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

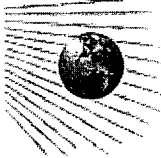
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running [icon]

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
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Washington, DC  
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202.566.3128 fax

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To [REDACTED] EXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: doj training materials [icon]

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@eac.gov, "Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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Washington, D.C. 20005  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
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> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
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> wangt@...  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
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04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?

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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM

>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
> cc

>  
> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule  
> this week. Is this the last interview that you were  
> able to arrange?

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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>  
> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

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> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc

> Subject  
> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> Peg - -

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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11/26/2006 09:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Re: Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Julie:

I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

11/17/2006 04:05 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Thanks so much for all of your help. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 11/17/2006 02:54 PM  
**To:** Juliet Hodgkins  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

I'll need to refresh my memory. I'll take a look at them one more time and get back to you. Hope you enjoy your time out of the office, and have a happy turkey day. --- Peggy

Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

11/17/2006 09:44 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Thanks for your comments.

Last night, I took the case charts and assembled into one 200 -page document. So, that is compiled. I have also amended to include Job and Tova's bios as appendix "1". I have established both your summaries and theirs into alternative appendixes and will talk to the commissioners about that. One question that I have is whether we would need to go through and "clean up" their summaries? I have compiled them into a single document (that is one for interviews and one for literature). Other than the

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DOJ issue, are there any other "problems" that you recall?

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Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

11/27/2006 10:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: My Thoughts --PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION 

Peggy,

Just to clarify... you only attended (by teleconference or otherwise) one of the interviews? I thought it was more than that?

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To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: My Thoughts --PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION 

I attended only the interview with Craig Donsanto. --- Peggy

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

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11/27/2006 10:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: My Thoughts --PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION 

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To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, "Davidson, Donetta" <ddavidson@eac.gov>, Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised - Draft – Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Interview Summaries

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12/01/2006 03:17 PM

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Subject Re: Donsanto-Tanner Interviews 

Julie:

I assume you mean the note associated with the Tanner interview when you mentioned the pending cases. That's fine by me. I was just a little concerned that the note as a whole was a little adversarial and whiny. If any questions arise as to why certain items should be deleted from the Donsanto interview summary, I have answers. --- Peggy

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Subject Donsanto-Tanner Interviews

Julie:

I made some suggested edits in the attached excerpts of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries. You may be able to better phrase them. The most important edits are:

- I noticed that the consultants had listed Donsanto's and Tanner's titles incorrectly (which we may also need to correct in our report where we list the interviewees). Donsanto and Tanner might be amused that our consultants "promoted" them, but their bosses may not.
- I redacted two sentences that I thought we should not publicize and one that I thought was in error from the Donsanto description. I also tried to correct the paragraph that discusses DOJ's pursuit of individual offenders.
- I moved the note about Tanner's failure to provide data and information to the end of the description (the highlighted paragraph) so that its isn't so "in your face". I also tried to edit it, but am still a bit concerned about including it at all.

If you have any questions, or want to talk about this, give me a call . Also, I may be in the office tomorrow,  -- Peggy



Summaries of Interviews with Donsanto-Tanner redacted-revised.doc

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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Please review ASAP - Fw: Fraud Report Press Release -  
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Then I need to get commishes to okay.

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"RoseUtley, Jennifer"

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cc jlayson@eac.gov  
Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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Jennifer Rose-Utley  
Manager, Public Affairs  
Burson-Marsteller

[REDACTED]

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**We've Moved!**

Please visit us at our new location:

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Subject VF-VI Research Contacts

Bryan:

The two consultants were:

- Tova Wang ([REDACTED])
- Job Serebrov ([REDACTED])

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

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## **EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study**

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

**WASHINGTON** - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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ggilmour@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hasen,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud reserach that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
US Election Assistance Commission

### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Subject Re: Rick Hasen response-need your approval

I agree that Jeannie should send the response.

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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV



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Subject PFAW Response to EAC Vote Fraud Report

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: People For

Peg, et.al-

I did not have any interaction with this group.

Karen Lynn-Dyson  
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cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.  
Need this right away

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To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>  
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Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re:

I already got one, thanks!

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Subject 1099

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
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To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eaccon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
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Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM ---



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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## Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

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Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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**Background**

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Tony

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. There's no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang < [REDACTED] > wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC

Subject working group

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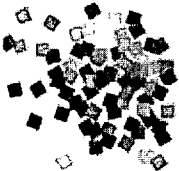
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:25 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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"Tova Wang"

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:28 PM -----














"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject existing research summaries 2

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV  
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To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.

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Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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cc  
Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg  
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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:09 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
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Subject interview summaries 3

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/19/2006 03:31 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>, "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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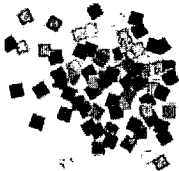
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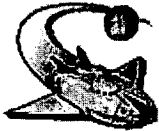
To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group

I have arranged for a transcriptionist to be at the meeting but I am not sure about the snacks for the break.


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cc dromig@eac.gov  
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Sounds great. It did seem to work just fine for our Asian Language group. Is there going to be a transcriptionist? If so, has anyone taken care of that?

Did you still want to provide the cookies or snacks, or shall I get that from Cafe Mozart (where I am planning to get the coffee). I can just buy a few boxes of cookies for the break.

Elle

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05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group [Link](#)

Elle:

I think our number will be about 21 (with the Working Group members, consultants, possible EAC Commissioners and staff, and the court reporter). I'll have a better idea of the final list after I brief Commissioners tomorrow morning. Devon noted that they used only tent cards for the Asian Language Working Group. That might be sufficient for this group and would cut back on some of the work we have

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to do in preparation. --- Peggy

Eileen L. Colver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last election cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ----



Eileen L. Colver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:35 PM

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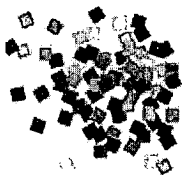
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05/22/2006 05:01 PM

To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 04:37 PM

To Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

cc jgreenbaum [REDACTED]  
vjohnson [REDACTED]  
dlovecchio [REDACTED]  
Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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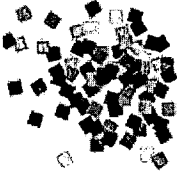
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To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
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Subject Re: working group 

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

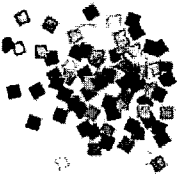
#### Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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"Job Serebrov"

05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

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How did you deal with the issue of mileage v. airline costs for my travel?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers 

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I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

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05/23/2006 09:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Payment Vouchers

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/22/2006 03:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@eac.gov; Rbauer@eac.gov; bginsberg@eac.gov; mhearne@eac.gov; jrperez50@eac.gov; krogers@eac.gov; assistant@eac.gov; weinut@eac.gov  
CC: jgreenbaum@eac.gov; vjohnson@eac.gov; dlovecchio@eac.gov; bschuler@eac.gov; Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
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To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

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cc  
Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] EXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attendi the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAE0)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>



"Tova Wang"  
<[redacted]>  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/17/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006  
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on your odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: presentation 

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"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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To psims@eac.gov  
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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

This looks fine otherwise, but I'm not sure I understand why you included the attachments you did. They are not really representative of what we did for the project as a whole. The summaries are just meant to supplement the nexis excel charts.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject board of advisers presentation

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Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Your Materials

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Peg --

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request -- or routinely receive -- audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]@psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Corrections

I don't think anyone should be given the opportunity to correct mistakes.

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject RE: Corrections

Should we send all of the interview summaries to the people we interviewed for review then?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** [redacted]

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**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

It wasn't his mistake. I was there at the interview. I just did not have time to review all of the interview summaries. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 11:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Corrections [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
05/16/2006 11:13 AM

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@eac.gov>  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> Subject  
> Re: Question

> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's  
> parking spot?

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I  
> am  
> > at the office (this afternoon).

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> > Peg  
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> > -----  
> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
> >  
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> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> > To: psims@eac.gov  
> > Subject: Question  
> >  
> > Peg:  
> >  
> > Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts,  
> > do  
> > you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> > car  
> > use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have  
> > to  
> > retain food receipts.  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:  
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

-----Original Message-----

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**To:** wang@

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
>  
>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member  
>  
> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.  
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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet , it's not the most clear though.

Laiza N. Otero  
Research Associate  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel. (202) 566-1707  
Fax (202) 566-3128

-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

Elle L.K Collver  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
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blackberry: (202) 294-9251  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy



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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

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bginsberg@usdoj.gov, m. Bhauer@usdoj.gov,  
barnwine@usdoj.gov, serebrov@usdoj.gov,  
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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

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House Conference Report.doc



Senate Conference Report.doc

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"Tova Wang"

05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** wang [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: voucher [REDACTED]

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Monday Teleconference



Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:27 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
cc serebrov@[REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> I still think its sufficient for him to raise the  
> points verbally. All of  
> the interview summaries reflect what Job and I both  
> understood the  
> interviewees to say. This really opens to the door  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
>  
>  
>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question

> Peg:

>  
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.

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>  
> Job  
>  
>  
>

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM —



"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: I'm sorry

Great -- thanks so much and apologies for the false alarm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [Redacted] >

05/15/2006 09:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject RE: I'm sorry

Thats good. I'm probably just getting crazy, trying to make sure everything is perfect. Devon, maybe you can check? Otherwise I'll check it when it comes. Thanks. And be well Peg.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:23 AM  
**To:** Tova Andrea Wang  
**Subject:** Re: I'm sorry

Tova:

I think you did send this --- or is this a revised version of one you sent earlier? It should be on the CD in the packet you should receive today.. (Can't check that right now as I am at the clinic.) If I put anything on the CD that you want to highlight at the meeting, let me know and we'll make copies for those attending.

Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05/15/2006 09:07 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Devon Romig  
**Subject:** I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: barnwine@

Rbauer@; bginsberg@

<>; mhearne@

<>; jrperez@

krogers@; assistant@

<>; weinutr@verizon.net <weinutr@verizon.net>

CC: jgreenbaum@

vjohnson@

dlovecchio@

bschuler@; Donsanto, Craig

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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Regards,

Peggy Sims

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## **Existing Research Analysis**

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.

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- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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 [REDACTED]; jrperez50; [REDACTED];  
 [REDACTED] assistant;  
 [REDACTED]; weinut; [REDACTED];  
 CC: jgreenbaum; [REDACTED];  
 vjohnson; [REDACTED];  
 dlovecchio; [REDACTED];  
 bschuler; [REDACTED]; Donsanto, Craig  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge  
Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
Vote and African American and challenge  
Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino  
Vote and deny and Hispanic  
Vote and deny and Latino  
Voter and Hispanic and challenge  
Voter and Latino and challenge  
Vote and Hispanic and challenge  
Vote and Latino and challenge  
Election and Hispanic and challenge  
Election and Latino and challenge  
Voter and deny and Native American  
Vote and deny and Native American  
Voter and Native American and challenge  
Vote and Native American and challenge  
Election and Native American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Asian American

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Vote and deny and Asian American  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Vote and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Election and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Indian  
Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging  
Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective

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Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier

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Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive  
Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
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Poll judge and threatening  
Poll monitor and challenge  
Poll monitor and intimidate  
Poll monitor and intimidating  
Poll monitor and intimidation  
Poll monitor and abusive  
Poll monitor and threatening  
Election judge and challenge  
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Election judge and abusive

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Election judge and threatening  
Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
Election monitor and intimidating  
Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
Election observer and threatening

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"  
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05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

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Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging

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Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective  
Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier  
Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line  
  
Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive

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Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
Poll inspector and intimidating  
Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
Poll judge and challenge  
Poll judge and intimidate  
Poll judge and intimidating  
Poll judge and intimidation  
Poll judge and abusive  
Poll judge and threatening  
Poll monitor and challenge  
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Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
Election observer and threatening

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

  
05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

wang [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: wang [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM  
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

psims@eac.gov,  
serebrov@[REDACTED]

To

cc

Subject

RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act" -----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang [REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"

06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM

**To:** wang

**Subject:** Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

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"Craig C. Donsanto"

05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)  
> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com>  
> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail  
> address  
> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>  
>  
> Mike - -  
>  
> As we say back where I come from: this article is  
> "wicked pissah"!  
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> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end  
> has

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> Do You Yahoo!?  
> Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam  
> protection around  
> http://mail.yahoo.com  
>

Craig C. Donsanto  
cdonsanto@yahoo.com

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: Expedia travel confirmation - Washington, DC - May 17,  
2006 - (Itin# 116272039590)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 4:55 PM  
To: wang@farg  
Subject: Expedia travel confirmation - Washington, DC - May 17, 2006 - (Itin# 116272039590)

### Travel Confirmation

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### Booked items

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"Job Serebrov"

05/31/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Notes


Peggy:

I will not be home from Las Vegas until Saturday. I was given an offer for a career clerking position with a federal judge and accepted. I will be relocating in December.

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"   
05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff?

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc serebrov [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM  
**To:** wang [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** serebrov [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject notes

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To Tova Andrea Wang

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc serebro [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject notes

Hi Peg,

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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wang [Redacted]  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To wang [redacted]  
cc serebrov [redacted]  
Subject Re: [redacted]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang [redacted]  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject

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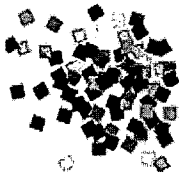
Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [redacted]



Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

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> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> cc  
> serebrov[REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]@t  
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

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> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.  
> As  
> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done  
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and  
> expand on mine this weekend.

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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
> ---  
> > Peggy  
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> > wang [REDACTED]  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
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> > serebrov [REDACTED]  
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> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: <wang [REDACTED]>  
> > Cc: <serebrov [REDACTED]>  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
> > > email  
> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
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> > > wang [REDACTED]  
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> > > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
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> > > psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
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> > > serebrov [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > >  
> > > Re: Re:

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Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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[REDACTED] 7704 [REDACTED] 555 7554

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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\*Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

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How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

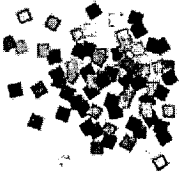
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM

**To:** wang [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Will Call Later


I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. Tomorrow is primary election day in VA. Still no transcript. I have taken a look at the recommendations that you sent me, but have not yet heard from Job. --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting 

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 01:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Job Sebrevov

Peggy,

Regarding his travel for the EAC's May 18 meeting, I would concur with you that we should reimburse Mr. Serebrov in the amount of \$1200.03 for travel related expenses (hotel/mileage/per diem). Since there is a \$577.95 dollar difference in cost (travel via air vs travel via POV), I believe the \$1200.03 is more economically advantageous to the Agency. Attached is your drafted memo.



JobSerebrov\$1200.03reimbursement.pdf

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 04:45 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: travel [REDACTED]

Got It! You should receive a total travel reimbursement of \$1,533.02 for that trip. (I could not include the internet service fee the hotel charged, but everything else counted.) --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

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[Redacted]  
06/09/2006 04:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: travel

Send it now. Let me know how much it is, so that I can include it in the total for reimbursement. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/12/2006 05:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

Perfect. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 4:09 PM  
**To:** wan [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Will Call Later

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" [Redacted] >

06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** wan [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. Tomorrow is primary election day in VA. Still no transcript. I have taken a look at the recommendations that you sent me, but have not yet heard from Job. --- Peg

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/05/2006 04:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebro [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject

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To: psims@eac.gov; wang [REDACTED]  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>  
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]


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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts 

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> could talk then?  
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> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
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> on the grounds that  
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> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.

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> > > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > > To: <wang [REDACTED]>  
> > > Cc: <serebrov [REDACTED]>  
> > > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:35 AM  
> > > Subject: Re:  
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wang [redacted]  
06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]@psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?  
----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
To: <wang [redacted]@psims@eac.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM  
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:  
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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.  
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> Job  
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> --- wang [redacted] wrote:  
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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?  
>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
>> To: "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM  
>> Subject: Re: teleconference  
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>>  
>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.  
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>> > --- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:  
>> >  
>> >> Hi Job,  
>> >>  
>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work  
>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
>> done.  
>> >> Would it be possible  
>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your  
>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
>> your  
>> >> time on Wednesday?  
>> >> Thanks.  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang [REDACTED]

cc serebrov [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take time during the work day for telephone conferences. As I told you I will need to finish this project after daily working hours. I am still getting things done from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's

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recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: <wang [REDACTED]>

> Cc: <serebrov [REDACTED]>

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an

> > electronic copy. If we

> > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and email

> > it to the two of you.

> > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a brief

> > teleconference? I

> > really can't do it before then because of other

> > commitments. --- Peggy

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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

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Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference 

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov [REDACTED]"



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[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc serebrov [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@psims.eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang [mailto:twang@psims.eac.gov] wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@psims.eac.gov]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; wang [mailto:twang@psims.eac.gov]  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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wang [REDACTED]  
06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: teleconference

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang [REDACTED]>; <psims@eac.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM  
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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>> EST?

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>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
>> To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM  
>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] > wrote:

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>> >> Thanks.  
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>> >> Tova  
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>> >> Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 01:24 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher [icon]

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
< [REDACTED] >  
06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

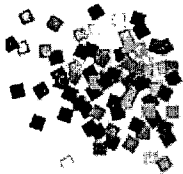
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc serebrov [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"  
[REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang"

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
 > next week good for you  
 > two?  
 > Peggy  
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 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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wang [REDACTED]  
 06/22/2006 10:29 AM To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 06/19/2006 12:19 PM To wan [REDACTED]  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject Re: teleconference [REDACTED]

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy



To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

To: <wang [REDACTED]>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

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>> >> Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM  
To Diana Scott  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM  
To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]>  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

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cc  
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"Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
>  
06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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To: wang [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- wang [REDACTED] :

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Iova Andrea wang [REDACTED]"  
> <wang [REDACTED]>  
> Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:21 PM  
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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition!

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

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"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

--- Tova Wang wrote:

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> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]; psims@eac.gov  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To wang [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- [redacted] ---

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <wan [redacted]>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> <serebrov [redacted]>  
> Cc: "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

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>  
> > That would be great on the contract.  
> >  
> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
> >  
> >  
> >> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one  
> > I did attend, but I  
> >> agree the issue is taking up too much of your  
> > time. I just wanted you to  
> >> be forewarned that the paragraph has already  
> > raised red flags in DC of and  
> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> > about that.  
> >>  
> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> > this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> > Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> > and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> > other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> > contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> > we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
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> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> > some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> > We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> > (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
> >>  
> >> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg




EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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"Tova Wang"

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[\[redacted\]](#)]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <[\[redacted\]](#)> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed

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> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

--- wang [REDACTED]

> That would be great on the contract.  
>  
> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I  
> know you don't want to  
> spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue, and  
> I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to  
> you and Tom and any of  
> the commissioners about this further if that would  
> be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the  
> office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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> that fall within the  
> > tasks specified in the current contract. We won't  
> get 60 thou, but there  
> > might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

> > Peg

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> > -----

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: outline of final report [REDACTED]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject outline of final report

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 07:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

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Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

**To:** wang [redacted] serebrov [redacted]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Re: donsanto interview

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It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang

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I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

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Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

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06/29/2006 05:31 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@EAC/GOV

cc serebrov [REDACTED]@twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview [REDACTED]

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@eac.gov>



"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang [redacted]  
Subject: Various

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Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]

06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc dromig@eac.gov, serebrov [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
cc serebrov [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** serebrov [REDACTED]; wang [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" [REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is this OK now?

>

> Tova Andrea Wang

> Democracy Fellow

> The Century Foundation

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> [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov"

06/26/2006 06:52 PM

To wans [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Methodology for Cases



Methodology for Case Review.doc


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry 

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 01:31 PM

To "'Job Serebrov"' [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject definition

Is this OK now?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

[REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov"' [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?
2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?
3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)

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06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc serebrov [redacted]  
Subject Re: invoice [document icon]

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To [redacted], psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
Subject Re: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/29/2006 01:00 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL, Job  
Serebrov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Re: donsanto interview [REDACTED]

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

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coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** wang [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 10:36 AM -----



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To [REDACTED] "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Various

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wan <[REDACTED]>

>> Subject: Various

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:12 AM -----



**"Job Serebrov"**

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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**Bola Olu/EAC/GOV**

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

Bola Olu  
Financial Administrative Specialist  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"  
Subject Re: Various [REDACTED]

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted Name]

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted Name]

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I think I've already gone over my hours. Let me know when I submit my invoice. If I have, I'll just reduce them on paper. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** wan [Redacted Name]

**Subject:** RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

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cc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed 

I thought I emailed an account of your hours used. Just in case I didn't, here it is again.



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
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"Job Serebro"

[redacted]  
07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[redacted]  
07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** wang [redacted] serebro [redacted]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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wang [redacted]  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc serebro [redacted]  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** wang [redacted]  
**Cc:** serebro [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Travel Funds

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:11 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
OV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/11/2006 09:26 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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Peg

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/10/2006 02:29 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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I gave you and Gavin a folder that included a summary of interviews, etc before the working group meeting. Also, the report delivered to the boards on this project is in the shared drawer under Research in Progress-Voting Fraud-Intimidation. That is everything I have at the moment.

Peg

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**Cc:** Thomas Wilkey  
**Subject:** Fraud and Intimidation Study

I received a call from John Tanner today who was upset with pages 5 and 6 of some draft paper that he had received regarding our Fraud and Intimidation Study. I am in a very uncomfortable situation in that I have not received a copy of this paper and the Office of General Counsel has not vetted this document and yet I am being questioned about why there are erroneous statements in this paper. Please provide me with a copy of this document and please explain to me how John Tanner got a copy of this document

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before I did.

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

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Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
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Subject: Re: methodology

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang [REDACTED]@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wan [REDACTED]>  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

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>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wan [REDACTED]

>> Subject: Various

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>> Peg:

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>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

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>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
>>  
>> Job  
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>>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:40 PM To Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:25 PM To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc serebro [REDACTED]  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc serebrov [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report [REDACTED]

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

000713



[Redacted]  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted] et>  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

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not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

> Peg:  
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> I checked my account this morning (July 5th) and  
> this  
> still has not been paid. Did GSA mail it?  
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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed 

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"  
 [redacted]  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [redacted]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 11:18 AM

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cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov  
[REDACTED]  
Re: FW: methodology

To  
cc  
Subject

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: wang [REDACTED]  
Cc: serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
Subject: Re: FW: methodology

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject  
FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs

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> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED] Fax: 212 353 7534  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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Subject final report



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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM ---  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/20/2006 02:46 PM To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc

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Subject Voucher

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/17/2006 12:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
Subject RE: final report

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc serebrov [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report 

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is 212-362-5223. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** wan [redacted]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: final report

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

Speaking of which, does this look ok to you?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his [REDACTED]

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/19/2006 11:23 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc

Subject Voucher

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report [Attachment Icon]

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM  
To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Speaking of which, does this look ok to you?

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject final report

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]; "Job  
> Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 5:14 PM  
> Subject: No teleconference today  
>  
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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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[REDACTED]  
07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient;;  
cc  
Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

As some of you know, I have decided to voluntarily give up many of my voting rights and become a resident of the District of Columbia. As I will be simply transferring to The Century Foundation's DC office, my email will remain the same ([REDACTED]). My new work contact information as of August 8 is as follows:

The Century Foundation  
1333 H Street, NW  
10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

[REDACTED]

I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM  
To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 04:59 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** wan@f; [redacted]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED] EXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc wang [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a person just like Perez. However, given this, I would still like to know if he has a party affiliation and this brings up another issue. How is the county election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the

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Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or if he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in his/her stead and a third member picked by the party with the most constitutional officers. Practically that has meant that the Democrats have controlled election commissions in Arkansas since the end of Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the situation in Texas.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
> Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> association of Texas  
> election officials and the two largest organizations  
> of election officials  
> in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The  
> Election Center. He  
> is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> Legislative Committee for the  
> Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> currently serves on  
> IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans  
> the educational  
> sessions for election officials that are conducted

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> at that organization's  
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election  
> Center have selected  
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> his professional  
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.  
> Perez also has access  
> to information from other States through his  
> membership in IACREOT and The  
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> which you will note if you  
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> Elections web site and  
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that  
> might be useful in the  
> upcoming meeting.  
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> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the  
> county had over 65  
> thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> doubled the number of  
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's  
> population claims  
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> Census Bureau. The county  
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,  
> Hays, Cladwell,  
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,  
> the county was  
> predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> years, many people have  
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> County, preferring to  
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> --- Peggy  
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> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

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May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** wang [redacted] serebrov [redacted]  
**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted], psims@eac.gov

cc serebrov [redacted]

Subject Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum

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> Here' s his info in full:

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[redacted]

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> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for  
> the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> His contact and mailing info is:

>

> [redacted]

> [redacted]

> [redacted]

> Suite 400

> Washington, DC 20005

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> Tova Andrea Wang

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> The Century Foundation

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> phone: [redacted]  
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cc

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It might be an Apple issue

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM

**To:** serebrov [redacted]

**Cc:** wang [redacted]

**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.  
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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace  
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---  
> Peggy  
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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition  
> today after surgery.  
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> See:  
> [REDACTED]  
> 500 Fourth Street NW  
> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> Asst: Carol Casstevens  
> [REDACTED]  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Job:  
> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going  
> > to  
> > talk with the Chairman  
> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do  
> > you have contact  
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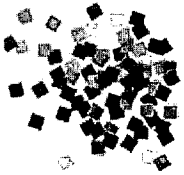
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To dromig@eac.gov

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Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must

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take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.  
> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be

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> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.  
>  
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose  
> money.  
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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:  
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> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, wang [REDACTED]  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
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> > Job  
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> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > >.about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
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> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > > it  
> > > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > > out  
> > > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@eac.gov>  
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@eac.gov>  
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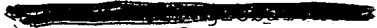
To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@eac.gov>  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
>  
> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
>  
> Job  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> > got to pick three  
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> > guidance regarding this  
> > particular member follows:  
> >  
> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
> >  
> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> > Tova's  
> > pick.  
> >  
> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
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> > "Job Serebrov"   
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > serebrov@ [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > > >  
> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
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> > > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights

> Project

> > > for

> > > > the Lawyers Committee

> > > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> > Barbara

> > > > Arnwine, the Executive

> > > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > > > His contact and mailing info is:

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> > > > [REDACTED]

> > > > [REDACTED]

> > > > [REDACTED]

> > > > Suite 400

> > > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > > Tova Andrea Wang

> > > > Democracy Fellow

> > > > The Century Foundation

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Peggy Sims  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:28 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

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05/12/2006 01:41 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the WG will have suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you and Tova containing the same materials being provided to the WG. I haven't sent anything yet because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for inclusion. (Still waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)

Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a very short meeting after the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference the following Monday afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll be out of the office attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that day. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### **Teleconference**

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Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 03:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I have placed another call to his office (after one previous call to his assistant and an email to him). I, too, am concerned about our dwindling chances. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Given the short time period, you may want to give Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer our chances are of getting Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/12/2006 02:33 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition  
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> Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the  
> > WG will have  
> > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you and  
> > Tova containing the  
> > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> haven't  
> > sent anything yet  
> > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > inclusion. (Still  
> > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> >  
> > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > very short meeting after  
> > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference the  
> > following Monday  
> > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll be  
> > out of the office  
> > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that  
> > day. --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> packets  
> > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
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[REDACTED]  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

The bio for JR Perez tells us very little about him and there is pretty much nothing about him on the web. Can you tell us more about him and how you decided on him? Thanks. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** wang [REDACTED]; serebrov [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:27 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

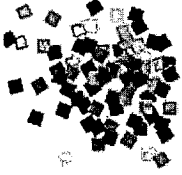
Subject Re: Court reporter 

Thanks for checking this out for me, Devon. I've asked Tom if there are funds available for this service. Our consultants were very enthusiastic about the idea. --- Peg

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:26 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy,

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Can I help on this working group?

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, rmartinez@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Good News

Job:

Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to talk with the Chairman today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do you have contact information for Rogers? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 05:20 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject

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RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

>  
05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" 

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition 

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: invoice [icon]

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

- (1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and
- (2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:10 PM

To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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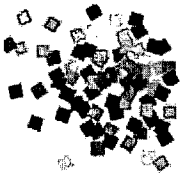
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> Hi Peg,  
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> Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you  
> know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very  
> unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting  
> 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I  
> said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/02/2006 01:11 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just received an update about Ms. Arnwine's schedule. She is not available on May 9th.

Thanks,

Devon

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/05/2006 10:56 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---

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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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Service"  
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05/05/2006 09:20 PM

Please respond to  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

Are yu available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromis position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

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Thanks!

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/27/2006 09:13 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Unfortunately, I have to get the Working Group together before then, so that my consultants can prepare the final report before June. (In June, I lose one of them to State employment.) In understand about the crammed schedule. This month and next are chock full.

Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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04/26/2006 09:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

How about we meld this wit the EAC Board of Advisors meeting? I just got tagged to be parliamentarian --

We could attend to your folks whike I arbitrate a food fight!!!!

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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Peggy

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Thanks!

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

Donsanto lists four types of election fraud: schemes to purposely and corruptly register voters who either do not exist, or who are known by the putative defendant to be ineligible to vote under applicable state law; schemes to cast, record or fraudulently tabulate votes for voters who do not participate in the voting act at all; schemes to corrupt the voting act of voters who do participate in the voting act to a limited extent; and, schemes to knowingly prevent voters qualified voters from voting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> When I opened the attachment, I still had problems  
> with the 4th paragraph.  
> Would you please just send me that paragraph within  
> the text of your  
> email so that I can paste it into the document? ---  
> Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:49 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  


Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

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Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Conference Call 

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If 'Yes', check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:  
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> As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears  
> to be the best  
> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not  
> available to attend in  
> person that day (he is available only 2 days during  
> the first three weeks  
> of May). We won't have confirmation of the  
> availability of Secretary  
> Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.  
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> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:  
Are yu available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
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> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
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> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be  
> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.  
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> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
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> Peggy Sims  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.  
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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Job:  
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> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
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> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
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> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
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> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > it  
> > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > per  
> > > mile  
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> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > out  
> > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground

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> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 4

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Literature Summary

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of [The Federal Crime of Election Fraud](#) by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

JJJ798



[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 03:45 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[Redacted]@psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov ([Redacted])  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: [Redacted]  
Subject: Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang ([Redacted]) wrote:

- > is Jon Greenbaum
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- > Here' s his info in full:
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- > [Redacted]
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- >
- > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for
- > the Lawyers Committee
- > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
- > Arnwine, the Executive
- > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
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- > His contact and mailing info is:
- >
- > [Redacted]
- > [Redacted]
- > 1101 New York Avenue, NW
- > Suite 400
- > Washington, DC 20005
- >
- >
- >
- > Tova Andrea Wang
- > Democracy Fellow
- > The Century Foundation
- > [Redacted]
- > [Redacted]
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- > Visit our Web site, [Redacted]
- > [Redacted] for the latest news,
- > analysis, opinions, and events.

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> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez [REDACTED]

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

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"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5\_5\_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez  
Elections Administrator  
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[Redacted]  
05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-493-5343

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---  
Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [Redacted]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

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said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group List

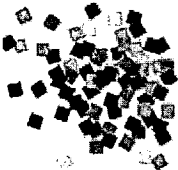
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working  
> Group members. I need  
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the  
> day, and have not heard  
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a  
> vacancy, or list Norcross  
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a  
> substitute, we can always  
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo\\_landing.html?category=sweet\\_sleeper](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper)

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang

[REDACTED]

(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov

[REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell phone 917-656-7905. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

000304

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** wang [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

000805

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM  
**To:** wang [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: interview analysis

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 01:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

000306

Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Response to the CB Report FINAL.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg 

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

To

000307



05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have placed another call to his office (after one  
> previous call to his  
> assistant and an email to him). I, too, am  
> concerned about our dwindling  
> chances. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Fraud Definition

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> Given the short time period, you may want to give  
> Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer  
> our chances are of getting Braden.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> > received a "No" from  
> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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> > To

> > psims@eac.gov

> > cc

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> >

> > Subject

> > Re: Fraud Definition

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> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,  
> > the  
> > > WG will have  
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you  
> > and  
> > > Tova containing the  
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > > sent anything yet  
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > > inclusion. (Still  
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> > >  
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > > very short meeting after  
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference  
> > the  
> > > following Monday  
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll  
> > be  
> > > out of the office  
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin  
> > that  
> > > day. --- Peggy  
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> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > > cc  
> > >  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> > packets  
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure  
> > with  
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a  
> > > teleconference  
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We

000309





Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 11:51 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need  
> to know as we continue  
> our search.) -- Peg  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Update  
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> Peggy:  
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> Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move  
> on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still  
> no  
> good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not  
> workable.  
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> Job  
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>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:

> [REDACTED]  
> > 1  
> >  
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > His contact and mailing info is:

> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > 1 [REDACTED]  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005

> > Tova Andrea Wang  
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**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
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Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>  
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> tomorrow. Depositions all  
> day today. Thanks, Pat  
>  
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?  
>  
>  
> Patrick J. Rogers  
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

000315

> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED] 07102 04:10  
> [REDACTED]  
> Fax: [REDACTED]

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> Subject: Working Group meeting

> Pat:  
>  
> The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> project is scheduled for  
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> Could you come? If so,  
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

> Regards,  
>  
> Job

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> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

000818



<serebrov [redacted]  
05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working Group Travel [icon]

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

000819

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:jserebrov@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM  
To: psims@eac.gov; w [mailto:w [redacted]]  
Subject: Re: Working Group

000820

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
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> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
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> Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc serebrov [REDACTED], dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:  
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> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE  
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> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
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> \*\*\*  
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> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY  
> ELECTION COMMISSION.  
> (a) The position of county elections  
> administrator is filled by  
> appointment of the county election commission, which  
> consists of:  
> (1) the county judge, as chair;  
> (2) the county clerk, as vice  
> chair;  
> (3) the county tax  
> assessor-collector, as secretary; and  
> (4) the county chair of each  
> political party that made  
> nominations by primary election for the last general  
> election for state  
> and county officers preceding the date of the  
> meeting at which the  
> appointment is made.  
> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of  
> the commission's  
> membership is necessary for the appointment of an  
> administrator.  
> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a  
> written resolution or  
> order signed by the number of commission members  
> necessary to make the  
> appointment. Not later than the third day after the  
> date an administrator  
> is appointed, the officer who presided at the  
> meeting shall file a signed  
> copy of the resolution or order with the county  
> clerk. Not later than the  
> third day after the date the copy is filed, the  
> county clerk shall deliver  
> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the  
> secretary of state.  
> (d) The initial appointment may be made at  
> any time after the  
> adoption of the order creating the position.  
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> \*\*\*  
>  
> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
> (a) A county elections administrator may  
> not be a candidate for a  
> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or  
> hold an office of or position in a political party.  
> At the time an  
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an  
> office or position in  
> violation of this subsection, the administrator  
> vacates the position of  
> administrator.  
> (b) A county elections administrator  
> commits an offense if the  
> administrator makes a political contribution or  
> political expenditure, as  
> defined by the law regulating political funds and  
> campaigns, or publicly  
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or  
> a measure to be voted  
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection  
> is a Class A  
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the  
> administrator's employment is  
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible  
> for future appointment  
> as county elections administrator.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> The code attachment did not work that is what I  
> meant  
> by it did not come through.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

>  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> > a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> > would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> > and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> > in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> > party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > > to  
> > > find a nonpartisan  
> > > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > > Group. The three of us  
> > > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
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> > > colorful  
> > > history of voting  
> > > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > > it.  
> > > In those Texas  
> > > counties that hire Election Administrators to  
> > > run  
> > > elections, rather than  
> > > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > > voter registration;  
> > > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > > Administrator is hired by the  
> > > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > > perform his or her duties in  
> > > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts  
> > > from  
> > > Texas Election Code  
> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan  
> > > activity.)  
> > > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > > familiar with voting fraud  
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that  
> State.  
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> > > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > > years experience as a county Election  
> > Administrator  
> > > in Texas. You won't  
> > > find many news articles mentioning him because  
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> > > has kept his nose clean.  
> > > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > > country, prefers to  
> > > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > > association of Texas  
> > > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > > of election officials  
> > > in this country: the International Association  
> of  
> > > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 02:45 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
- > got to pick three
- > members of the Working Group. The Commission
- > guidance regarding this
- > particular member follows:
- >
- > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
- > sectors - 2 to be chosen by
- > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
- >
- > This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
- > pick.
- >
- > As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
- > for Norcross. If
- > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
- > includes public
- > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
- > not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative

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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative

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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with

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> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> > > is Jon Greenbaum

> > > Here' s his info in full:

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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for

> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> Barbara

> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > > His contact and mailing info is:

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> > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation

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> > > Visit our Web site, [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED] for the latest news,  
> > > analysis, opinions, and events.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov"

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
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> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang"

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or 202-566-3105), who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"



"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov,

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To bginsberg [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims  
 Election Research Specialist  
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
 Fax: 202-566-3127  
 email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
 cc

Subject Re: arnwine [icon]

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
 [REDACTED]  
 05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc

Subject arnwine

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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV  
04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington

[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

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Thanks, again!

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

>

> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

>

> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back

> to say she would be

> available Wednesday through Friday this week and

> next week for the

> interview. Which day and time is best for you and

> Job?

>

> --- Peggy

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> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

> Subject

> donsanto again

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> Hi Peg,

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> Happy Easter!!

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> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about

> this latest initiative,

> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

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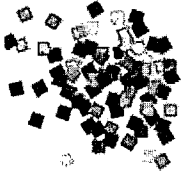
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 12:24 PM

To Rivers [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/21/2006 12:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/21/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

[REDACTED]  
>  
04/18/2006 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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Sarah Ball Johnson  
Executive Director

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**Cc:** serebrov@eac.gov, wang@eac.gov, cortes@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/18/2006 05:36 PM

To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)" [REDACTED]



"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

[REDACTED]

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04/18/2006 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.  
> Peggy

>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang  
> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: research summary

> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include  
> so as I said I'll just  
> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
> Subject: Re: research summary

> > T~

> >  
> > Are you talking about this?

> > J~

> > --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
> >> existing literature review (that Job, you  
> >> approved)

> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
> >> into the office over the weekend, which is  
> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,  
> >> I'll

> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

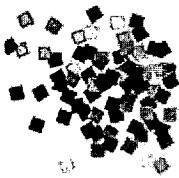
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

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**Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV**  
05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg --

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request -- or routinely receive -- audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an

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election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the

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requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov  
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The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concerns is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

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Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



Working Group Attendees 5-18-06.doc

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05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

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05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"  
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: press interview [REDACTED]

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



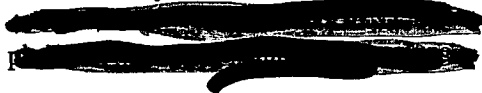
"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Campbell, Benton"  
<Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Thank you for this, Peg.

The third bullet point is one I embrace fully. We lack the statutory tool to do the job. Hopefully, that can be remedied through legislation. But as things stand today large loopholes in the federal legal matrix addressing electoral abuse and fraud exist - - particularly when such abuses occur in elections where there were no federal candidates on the ballot.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 8:44 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

### **Existing Research Analysis**

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: barnwine@ [REDACTED]; Rbauer@ [REDACTED]; bginsberg@ [REDACTED]

< [REDACTED]>; mhearne@ [REDACTED]

< [REDACTED]>; jrperez50@ [REDACTED]

krogers@ [REDACTED]; assistant@ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; weinutr@ [REDACTED]

CC: jgreenbaum@ [REDACTED]; vjohnson@ [REDACTED]

dlovecchio@ [REDACTED]; bschuler@ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; Donsanto, Craig

[REDACTED]

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Would you please refresh my memory about the date
- > ranges used for the
- > Nexis article research and the case law research?
- > I'm drawing a blank and
- > I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this
- > mornings Commissioner
- > briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.
- > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
- > need to submit gas receipts because use of a
- > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
- > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
- > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am
- > at the office (this afternoon).
- > Peg

> -----  
 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

- > ----- Original Message -----
- > From: "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]
- > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM
- > To: psims@eac.gov
- > Subject: Question

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> Peg:  
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> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.  
>  
> Job  
>  
>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: presentation [REDACTED]

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

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needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2?

Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: presentation

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

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in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" 

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject presentation

How did it go? Were you able to verbally correct that discrepancy we talked about the other day?

Thanks. Tova

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Democracy Fellow  
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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC

Subject working group

Peggy,

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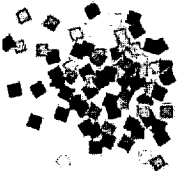
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Thanks!

Elle

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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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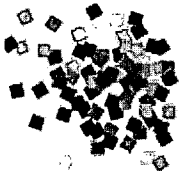
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 03:28 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group

I have arranged for a transcriptionist to be at the meeting but I am not sure about the snacks for the break.


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05/15/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group 

Sounds great. It did seem to work just fine for our Asian Language group. Is there going to be a transcriptionist? If so, has anyone taken care of that?

Did you still want to provide the cookies or snacks, or shall I get that from Cafe Mozart (where I am planning to get the coffee). I can just buy a few boxes of cookies for the break.

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group Link

Elle:

I think our number will be about 21 (with the Working Group members, consultants, possible EAC Commissioners and staff, and the court reporter). I'll have a better idea of the final list after I brief Commissioners tomorrow morning. Devon noted that they used only tent cards for the Asian Language Working Group. That might be sufficient for this group and would cut back on some of the work we have

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to do in preparation. --- Peggy

Eliien L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last election cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ---



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

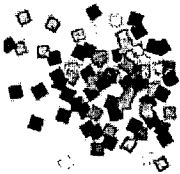
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break

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foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 05:01 PM

To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 04:37 PM

To Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

cc jgreenbaum@ [REDACTED]  
vjohnson@ [REDACTED]  
dlovecchio@ [REDACTED] bschuler@ [REDACTED]  
Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims  
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Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group 

I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group 

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

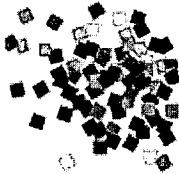
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
Elle


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To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Eileen L.

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Subject Re: working group 

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

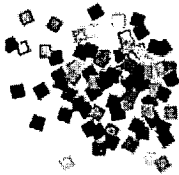
#### Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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"Job Serebroy"

05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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05/15/2006 02:48 PM

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05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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cc  
Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards [Word document icon]

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attendi the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAE0)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation [REDACTED]

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]

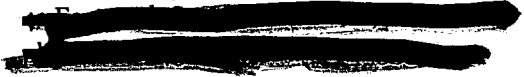


"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation



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05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov  
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05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006  
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&objectId=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&objectId=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on your odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: presentation 

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]

05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

This looks fine otherwise, but I'm not sure I understand why you included the attachments you did. They are not really representative of what we did for the project as a whole. The summaries are just meant to supplement the nexis excel charts.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject board of advisers presentation

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Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Subject RE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

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Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Job Serebroy"

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

cc

Subject: Corrections

I don't think anyone should be given the opportunity to correct mistakes.

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov <[redacted]>

cc

Subject: RE: Corrections

Should we send all of the interview summaries to the people we interviewed for review then?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** [redacted]

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**Subject:** Re: Corrections

It wasn't his mistake. I was there at the interview. I just did not have time to review all of the interview summaries. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 11:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Corrections [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Question

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>  
> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's  
> parking spot?

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I  
> am  
> > at the office (this afternoon).

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went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for  
> him to assess the  
> level of public attribution that would be  
> appropriate without seeing the  
> substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a  
> problem; but  
> recommends that I provide him with the draft text.  
> He will review it to  
> ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldnâ€™t  
> disclose.  
>  
> Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP,  
> so that I can forward  
> it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me  
> with a prompt  
> response, which I will forward to you.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov", [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy

cc

Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

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Work Group Contact Info.xls

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

] "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, s [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM

**To:** w [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:

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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
Subject [REDACTED] doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?


Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
<[REDACTED]>  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.  
Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

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To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

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**Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group**

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regreably not public at present.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it  
our in a couple months.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found  
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that  
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our  
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that  
we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled  
"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see  
them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to  
find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"

[REDACTED]

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

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Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running [REDACTED]

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: doj training materials [REDACTED]

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy



04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted] "Tova Wang"  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To [redacted]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?

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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: [redacted]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject

> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> Peg - -

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> Hi, Craig:

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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative  
> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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> Peggy Sims  
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> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Tova and Job:

I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back to say she would be available Wednesday through Friday this week and next week for the interview. Which day and time is best for you and Job?

--- Peggy

[redacted]  
04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

donsanto again

To

cc

Subject

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule this week. Is this the last interview that you were able to arrange?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
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> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
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> Hi Peg,  
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> Happy Easter!  
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> this latest initiative,  
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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter  
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on  
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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[REDACTED]  
04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto again

Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information?  
Thanks. Tova

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

*Tony*

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office [REDACTED]. Thanks!

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

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Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [redacted]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.  
> I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
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> > Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary



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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc


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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" 



**"Weinberg and Utrecht"**

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [mailto:[weinberg@verizon.net](mailto:weinberg@verizon.net)]

**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)

Fax: 202-566-3127

email: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---  
Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted] et>



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To 

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc v [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

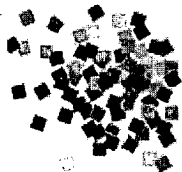
Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > > Democracy Fellow

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED] Tova Andrea

Wang

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
- > got to pick three
- > members of the Working Group. The Commission
- > guidance regarding this
- > particular member follows:
- >
- > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
- > sectors - 2 to be chosen by
- > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
- >
- > This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
- > pick.
- >
- > As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
- > for Norcross. If
- > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
- > includes public
- > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
- > not try and stir up
- > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
- > The effort is likely
- > to come back and bite you.
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- > [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:38 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

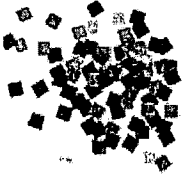
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pgsims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebroy" >

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing

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> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg -- what is the name of the group?

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Question

Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:31 AM -----

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
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05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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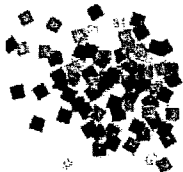
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

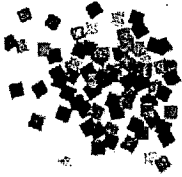
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO  
Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative

> >  
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:

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> > >  
> > >

[REDACTED]

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> > >  
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

- Full Name:
- Title:
- Entity for whom you work:
- Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:
- Work Telephone:
- Fax Number:
- Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
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"Tova Wang"

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> conduct the Working  
> Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> in  
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> money  
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> for  
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> for  
> this working group meeting to take place in person.  
> It  
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by  
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> the  
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
>  
> Job  
>  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Hi, Folks:  
> >  
> > Teleconference  
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> next  
> > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > please suggest another  
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > preparations for the  
> > Working Group meeting.  
> >  
> > Working Group Members  
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> the  
> > nonpartisan local  
> > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> no  
> > objections to him. He  
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> Pat  
> > Rogers office, but  
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> any  
> > pull with him, you  
> > may want to contact him, too.

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> >  
> > Travel Arrangements  
> > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > including hotel. Travel  
> > time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> > hours actually worked on  
> > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > preparation for the meeting,  
> > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> >  
> > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > hotel taxes (if you  
> > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > rates that are a little  
> > higher)  
> > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it  
> > is  
> > \$48 on the first and  
> > last day of travel)  
> > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> > mile  
> >  
> > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out  
> > a  
> > travel authorization  
> > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> > receipt (or mileage  
> > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > transportation receipts and a  
> > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > total travel expenses due  
> > you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> > meal receipts.  
> >  
> > Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> > for personal reasons are  
> > not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> > however, is to give me a  
> > comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage,  
> > hotel,  
> > and per diem of doing  
> > it your way against the cost of a roundtrip  
> > flight,  
> > ground transportation,  
> > hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> > should be no problem to  
> > cover the full cost. If your way is more  
> > expensive,  
> > we may only pay up to  
> > the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> > apply to me when I  
> > travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> > you will spend the  
> > night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
> >  
> > Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

Sent: 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have  
> already established we are  
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about  
> Ginsburg yet anyway,  
> right?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: [redacted]  
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:

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> >  
> [redacted]



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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> >  
> > His contact and mailing info is:  
> >  
> > [REDACTED]@g  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
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> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
> > The Century Foundation  
> > [REDACTED] New York, N  
> > [REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant  
by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>

> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to

> > find a nonpartisan

> > local election official to serve on the Working

> > Group. The three of us

> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.

> I

> > proposed that I find

> > someone from Texas because of that State's

> colorful

> > history of voting

> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat

> it.

> > In those Texas

> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run

> > elections, rather than

> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for

> > voter registration;

> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65

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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
> >  
> > --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> >  
> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
> >  
> > Job  
> >  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat2.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
>  
>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
> >  
> >  
> >  
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> >  
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.  
> >  
> > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:  
> >  
> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:  
> > >  
> > >  
> >  
> >  
> > > [http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)  
> > > .htm  
> > >  
> > > > 1  
> > > >  
> > > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > > for  
> > > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> > > > Barbara  
> > > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > > >  
> > > > His contact and mailing info is:  
> > > >  
> > > > [REDACTED]  
> > > > [REDACTED]  
> > > > [REDACTED]  
> > > > [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebry"

04/17/2006 12:44 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

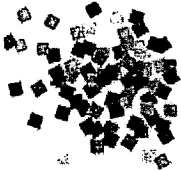
Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

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> this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him at 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free) or 202-566-3126. He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

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04/17/2006 12:37 PM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:09 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

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04/19/2006 03:31 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[Redacted]>, "Tova Andrea Wang" <[Redacted]>

cc

Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV  
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To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.


Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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04/18/2006 10:13 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

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202-566-3126 direct  
202-566-3127 fax  
ecortes@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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"Tova Wang"  
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 cc

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Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

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Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
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**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov"  
Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang"

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Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?

> --- Peggy

> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm  
>

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject interview analysis

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[Redacted]  
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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

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ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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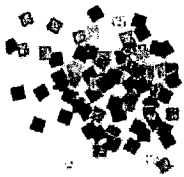
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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts 

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job  
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the  
> following files that appear  
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?  
> --- Peggy  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov,  "Tova Wang"

Subject list of interviewees

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/05/2006 12:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc

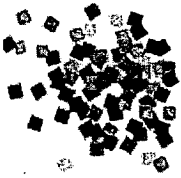
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
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"Marvin Brokaw"

[Redacted]

To dromig@eac.gov

>

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

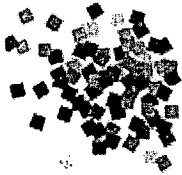
I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

Devon Romig  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project.  
I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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Peggy

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05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

001007

Cc: [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

Subject: Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

001008



I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To

> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject

> Re: new working group representative

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> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill

> that position since I am one down.

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> --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

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> > is Jon Greenbaum

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> > Here' s his info in full:

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> [REDACTED]

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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project

> > for

> > the Lawyers Committee

> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> > Arnwine, the Executive

> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > His contact and mailing info is:

> >

> > [REDACTED]

001009

> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
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> >  
> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
> > The Century Foundation  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED] Fax: 212-553-7554  
> >  
> > Visit our Web site, <[REDACTED]>  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

001010



[Redacted]  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

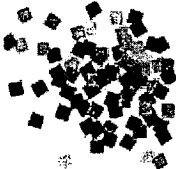
This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson [Redacted]  
barnwin [Redacted]  
dlovecchio [Redacted], Rbauer@ [Redacted],  
[Redacted] et  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th



Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted] dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> > tomorrow. Depositions all  
> > day today. Thanks, Pat

> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> > Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Modrall, Sperling, Boehl, Harris & Sick, P.A.  
> > P. [REDACTED] 168  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> > Tel. [REDACTED] 1849  
> > Fax [REDACTED] 891

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> > -----Original Message-----  
> > From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
>  
> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> > To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Subject: Working Group meeting  
> >  
> > Pat:  
> >  
> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> > project is scheduled for  
> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> > Could you come? If so,  
> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.  
> >  
> > Regards,  
> >  
> > Job  
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> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
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> > THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE  
> > INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO  
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> > without copying it, and notify the sender by reply  
> > e-mail or by calling  
> > [REDACTED] so that our address record can be  
> > corrected. Thank you.



"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[Redacted]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation [REDACTED]

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition  
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> suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.  
> I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud

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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
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> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,

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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

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> > --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group

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> > Peggy:

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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?

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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?

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> > Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[Redacted text]

Asst: Carol Casstevens

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
- > to be the best
- > possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
- > available to attend in
- > person that day (he is available only 2 days during
- > the first three weeks
- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**Subject:** research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

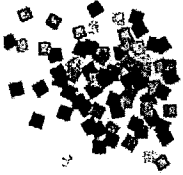
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

>  
05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

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I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

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Washington, D.C. 20005  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

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05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM

**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

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- Vote buying: 25
- Double voting: 15
- Registration fraud: 29
- Absentee ballot fraud: 9
- Official: 8
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"Tova Wang"  
 [Redacted]  
 04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
 Democracy Fellow  
 The Century Foundation  
 477 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10021  
 [Redacted]  
 [Redacted]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Search" <[redacted]@global.net>

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
To: [redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

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> Are you talking about this?

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> J~

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> --- [redacted] wrote:

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>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

[Redacted]

He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara Arwine, the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee.

His contact and mailing info is:

[Redacted]  
202-508-5000  
1401 New York Avenue, NW  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

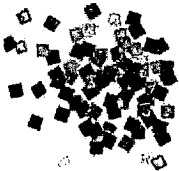
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [Redacted]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group 

Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 4 1/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP.

--- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile

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> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
>  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
>  
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>  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Latham  
>  
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> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Update [REDACTED]

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



combined defining Fraud 11-18-05.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

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> Tova:

>

> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy

>

> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)

>

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John Tanner Comments

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov>  
>  
08/10/2006 12:29 PM

To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject



Tova Wang.doc

Cameron P. Quinn  
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Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy


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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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VF-VI Study Status 5-17-06.pdf

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Interview Request 

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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"Wendy Weiser"

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<wendy.weiser@nyu.edu>  
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov  
cc  
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Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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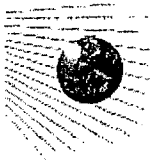
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The working group met prior to the meeting of the EAC boards, but too late for its deliberations to be summarized in the written status report on the project that was delivered to the boards. The status report notes that a meeting of the working group was about to be held to review the research so far and make recommendations. ----- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to give on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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Both of these reports are draft reports to the EAC and are currently being reviewed by staff. While we have released some of the data tables that Eagleton nether of these reports can be released.

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Bryan Whitener

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center 

Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.


Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 11:42 AM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center 

Both of these reports are draft reports to the EAC and are currently being reviewed by staff.  
While we have released some of the data tables that Eagleton neither of these reports can be released.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

----- Original Message -----

From: Bryan Whitener  
Sent: 10/11/2006 11:34 AM

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To: Thomas Wilkey  
Cc: Jeannie Layson; Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Juliet Hodgkins  
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Do we have a policy on distributing the items she is requesting?

— Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 10/11/2006 11:33 AM —



"Wendy Weiser"

[REDACTED]  
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

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Subject request for reports

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Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser  
Deputy Director, Democracy Program  
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

08/22/2006 02:09 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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cc "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
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Subject Does EAC have access to stats on --


-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 02:26 PM

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Funding

Peggy,  
Could you give Jeannie a call she needs some help fashioning a statment regarding the USA Today article since Tova  
and Job are hoping mad  
Thanks

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/13/2006 01:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
**Cc:** Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding

FYI.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 01:22 PM -----  
"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

James Carrera / KPMG LLP / [REDACTED]

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To Bryan Whitener

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



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10/12/2006 04:20 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

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I will IF they sign off on it

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

----- Forwarded by Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV on 10/12/2006 04:06 PM -----  
Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 10:59 AM

To [REDACTED]

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

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"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

To: "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Subject: RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
<Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

1200 15th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

Visit our Web site, [redacted] for the latest news, analysis, opinions, and events.

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 04:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 04:37 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissoers but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bryan Whitener  
**Sent:** 09/22/2006 05:10 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour  
**Cc:** Jeannie Layson  
**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.


(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.  
We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.  
Thanks for your help.  
Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,  
A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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To [REDACTED]

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Subject today's posting

Dan,

Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.


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Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine [REDACTED]

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy<sup>1</sup>, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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Subject reporter - Art Levine [REDACTED]

Art Levine  
Salon.com

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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?

Is it a report or just a staff document ?

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?

If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

<http://www.dlc.org/> [REDACTED] 252/39

Art Levine  
Senior Fellow  
Progressive Policy Institute

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Also,

### Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

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09/27/2006 12:18 PM

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Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

Peggy Sims  
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Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.  
--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]  
10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov [Redacted]

cc

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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along.

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Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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To eacon@eac.gov  
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Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: tova

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 04:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
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See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Project Emails

I think the attached emails are the ones missing from the last batch. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 04:22 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
02/12/2007 02:01 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<Serebrov@sbogies...@...>  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099 

Job:

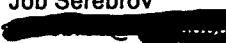
The 1099 appears to be correct based on records from the Finance Office. Apparently, the amount includes all but the first two payments made to you under the contracts, based on *when* the payment was processed by GSA (see attached spreadsheet). --- Peggy



GSA List of Job Serebrov payment for Year 2006.xls

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"  
  
02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Julie just forwarded your inquiry. That figure  
> looks too high to me, too!  
> I'll check with our finance folks next Monday to

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> find out what happened.  
> Hope all is well with you.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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> "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
> cc  
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> Subject  
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> Julie:  
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> I received my 1099 and the figure looks too high. It  
> is listed at \$58,065.35. Can you check on this?  
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> Job  
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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV  
03/08/2007 02:28 PM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Deobligation

Peggy:

To the best of my knowledge, there is no activity on these 2 contracts. Please confirm if it is OK to deobligate these funds. Thank you.

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E4019697	11	06/2006		\$7,783.35	\$0:00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
E4019904	11	11/2006		\$0.00	\$0:00	\$2,147.32	\$0.00	\$0.00

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03/08/2007 02:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Fw: Deobligation

The same applies to Job Serebrov's. There is no more activity of this contract. Please confirm if I can deobligate this. Thank you.

E4019905	11	11/2006		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Subject Deobligation

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Peggy:

To the best of my knowledge, there is no activity on these 2 contracts. Please confirm if it is OK to deobligate these funds. Thank you.

E4019697	11	06/2006		\$7,783.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
E4019904	11	11/2006		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,147.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House  
Appropriations subcommittee hearing

The document that has been requested is covered under an exemption to FOIA -- deliberative process privilege. The only reason that we are providing this to the Congressional Committee is that they are exempt from FOIA and that we cannot exert that privilege before the committee. That does not, however, change our position on the fact that this document is predecisional as to all other requestors. Congress should not, but may, release this document. They have a funny way of deciding which laws they comply with and which ones they do not.

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
03/09/2007 02:47 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie  
Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House  
Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 03/09/2007 02:29 PM -----



"Dan Seligson"

[Redacted]

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>

cc

03/09/2007 02:26 PM

Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,

Dan

Daniel Seligson  
editor

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

03/13/2007 02:31 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc d davidson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

03/13/2007 02:25 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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04/02/2007 11:29 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Swolson@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: [img alt="document icon" data-bbox="508 218 525 232"/>

The info that is on the website should be everything that you and she need. If you have trouble locating that info, Jeannie can probably direct you to where you can find it.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
----- Original Message -----

**From:** Karen Lynn-Dyson  
**Sent:** 04/02/2007 11:02 AM EDT  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Juliet Hodgkins; stephanie.wolson@gmail.com

Peg-

This week Heather Moss, a research intern will be starting with us. Heather is presently in law school and worked for DOJ in the Voting Rights Division for four years. Heather's primary responsibility (for the next month or so) will be helping us develop the follow- on research project for the Election Crimes study.

Also as an FYI- Commissioner Hunter and her Special Assistant, Stephanie Wolson have expressed an interest in working closely with staff on this project.

I would like to schedule a call/meeting for later on this week so that everyone can be brought up to speed on this work.

In preparation for this meeting I would like to give Heather the project materials which Job and Tova worked on and any relevant material you may have .

Could you direct me to these files so that Heather may begin her work on this project? Could you also let me know dates and times this week that might work for you?

Thanks

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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04/03/2007 06:22 PM

cc jthompson@eac.gov, klynndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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04/03/2007 05:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
klynndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go here for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 05:08 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

Most of the working files for this project are in a red folder sitting on my window sill; but I have some individual files in manila folders for Job and Tova propped upright on my desk next to the computer. Isn't this something that can wait until Monday? --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 04:42 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

Where are your working files maintained?

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 04/13/2007 04:27 PM EDT

**To:** Edgardo Cortes

**Subject:** Re: Working group meeting transcript

I don't maintain "official" contract files, just working copies (and I am missing a copy of one of Tova's contracts). The official files should be with the other official EAC contract files. There were 4 personal services contracts between Tova and Job. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

Peggy,

They are also requesting copies of the signed contracts. Where are your official contract files for that contract? Let me know where they are and I will pull them to give Gavin the copies so he can review for releasability. Thanks!

Edgardo Cortés

Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/13/2007 01:04 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

There is only one transcript. In addition to the electronic copy, I have a hard copy in the file. Job Serebrov submitted one correction related to the information reported on his background, not the study. Otherwise, the transcript has NOT been reviewed for accuracy and we have not released copies to anyone but our consultants. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV  
04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
Subject Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,  
Is the transcript contained in T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group the only transcript that exists for that working group? Did you ever review it for accuracy? Has it been released to anyone previously? We've had a request from Todd Rokita's office for a copy and I want to be sure we are sending the correct file. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request

Gavin:

For the most part, the appendices published on our website appear to be cleaned up versions of what was on the CD. One big exception: the appendices do not include the charts of Nexis articles reviewed, which were on the CD. Also, I can't tell at a glance if all of the case law charts were put on the website. ---

Peggy

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

04/16/2007 03:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request

Is this the same thing (with subsequent research collected) that appears in the 4 appendix to the final report as posted on our website?

GG

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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04/16/2007 02:18 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request

Gavin:

We put the bulk of the raw research, as it stood just prior to the Working Group meeting, on a CD that was included in the folder provided to all meeting participants. You can access the contents that we put on the

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CD in the shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group\CD Contents. --- Peggy

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
04/16/2007 01:38 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
Subject Fw: Your Information Request

Peggy,

Do you know the CD that is being referenced, below?

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"Bonnet, Jerry (SOS)"  
<jbonnet@sos.IN.gov>  
04/16/2007 01:22 PM

To ggilmour@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Your Information Request

Thank you. I would also like to obtain a certain CD (I presume this contains data from the Serebrov/Wang research) that is referred to many times in the transcript of the May 18, 2006 EAC Voting Fraud Meeting. Do you know if this is available? I believe it was sent to the meeting participants before the meeting - but we cannot locate a copy in our office materials. A copy sent by mail to my attention would be most helpful. Thank you. Jerry Bonnet

-----Original Message-----

From: ggilmour@eac.gov [mailto:ggilmour@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 11:11 AM  
To: Bonnet, Jerry (SOS)  
Subject: Re: Your Information Request

Here are the docs, zipped per your request.

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(See attached file: Requested docs.zip)

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Re: Your Information Request  
(Document link: Gavin S. Gilmour)

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To

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Re: Your Information Request  
(Document link: Gavin S. Gilmour)

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Jerry,

The employment agreements you requested.

[attachment "Employee Agreements Fraud Project.pdf" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

Let me know if you have questions

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Gavin S.  
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04/13/2007 04:49  
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Subject

Your Information Request

Jerry,

Per your request, please find a copy of the meeting transcript.  
[attachment "Transcript 051806.TXT" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

Additionally, you will find the final EAC report (including the attachments--see page 24) on our website. The link is posted, below.

[attachment "Voter%20Fraud%20&%20Intimidation%20Report%20-POSTED.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

A copy of a draft report has been posted on the NY Times Website. I

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believe you can find it at the following link:

[attachment "20070411voters\_draft\_report.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

I will need to get back with you regarding the Contract Employees scope of work.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:27 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Vote fraud report 

As far as I know, you are absolutely correct! Julie did the bulk of the rewrite and used my analyses of the preliminary info submitted by our contractors. I know that I had no contact with the administration regarding this study. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
jthompson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Vote fraud report

The St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote an editorial that said the administration edited our report. I am almost absolutely sure that is not true, but I wanted to confirm that with you before I request a correction. Thanks.

Jeannie Layson

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04/17/2007 03:18 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Need emails 

Julie:

The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2007 03:07 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"



10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov 

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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04/17/2007 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia."
  - Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

*2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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Subject Need your help ASAP

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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04/24/2007 03:57 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
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Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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sorry, about that. Here's the outline...

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- C. METHODOLOGY OF THE EAC STUDY

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The consultant's report is a draft of an EAC report. We will take the consultant's report and finalize it into OUR report.

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Subject Re: VF\_VI Literature Review 

Julie:

Happy to help, especially as I have to assume the blame for the report turned in by the consultants. I think you were aware that I was disappointed that it was not a more professional product. As I was not clear what the Commission's position is on editing such reports after receipt of the final, and as the consultants insisted that their work not be changed, I felt a bit stymied. Let me know what else I can do.

In the meantime, I'm revisiting some drafts received on the Vote Count-Recount best practices to see if I can encourage more improvements before submission of the final. We're still waiting for the state-by-state summary of practices, originally delayed by the subcontractor's nonperformance, which could affect goes into the best practices. I think some of the emphasis I see in the drafts on post election audits and proper recordkeeping will help respond to some of the issues raised in the literature review for the voting fraud-voter intimidation study.

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Subject Re: VF\_VI Literature Review 

Peggy,

I wanted to let you know that I had a chance to review your summaries today. I think that these are some excellent conclusions that we can definitely use in our report. Thank you for doing such a detailed and thorough job. If tomorrow goes quietly, hopefully I will have some time to write.

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Julie:

I have not received the outline, but went ahead with reviewing the literature researched. Attached are my perspectives on what we learned and a listing of the literature with portions of the analysis for each. Both of these documents are on the shared drive under T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Research Summaries. Hope these help. Let me know what else you need from me. --- Peggy



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I appreciate it. I will send you a copy of the outline that I am working from. It is somewhat subject to change as I am still trying to gel in my mind what goes first, second ....

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
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**To:** Juliet Hodgkins  
**Subject:** Re: Job and Tova

I can review them over the weekend and attempt to summarize what they tell us.--- Peggy

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**From:** Juliet E. Hodgkins  
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**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Job and Tova

I think we should use the content of those articles or some summary of them as a background of what we know about VF and VI. I just didn't want to have to read all of those articles to be able to make some generalized statements about their contents.

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Fw: please investigate

Hi-

Is this the kind of thing I should be passing on to you or Gavin?

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Thanks

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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name 320-230-0961". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

For the other call (from this morning) the information on my caller ID was "Amer Voice Retr 206-706-2650". When I dialed that number I got a recording which identified them as "People for Washington State Democrats... authorized by K1 2006."

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Cheryl Bollinger  
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OK, I will get started on the interview summaries today.

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

**Attend the Department of Justice's Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium.** The consultants also believe it would be useful for any further activity in this area to include attendance at the next Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

Footnote:

By attending the symposium researchers could learn more about the following:  
How *DEOs* are trained, e.g. what they are taught to focus their resources on; How they are instructed to respond to various types of complaints; How information about previous elections and voting issues is presented; and, How the Voting Rights Act, the criminal laws governing election fraud and intimidation, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act are described and explained to participants.

DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

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Thanks. Currently, on the phone with Job. Ugh!!!!

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



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Julie:

I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Julie:

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Subject Revised - Draft -- Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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Subject VF-VI Research Contacts

Bryan:

The two consultants were:

- Tova Wang ([REDACTED])
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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## **For Immediate Release**

December 7, 2006

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# **EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study**

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

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**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud resesarch that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
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### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-

I did not have any interaction with this group.

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12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.

Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: 

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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

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Thanks,

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01/26/2007 11:54 AM


To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: 

I already got one, thanks!

Elle L.K. Kuala  
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02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fw: 1099

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"Job Serebroy"  
[Redacted]  
02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099

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> Julie:  
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> I received my 1099 and the figure looks too high. It  
> is listed at \$58,065.35. Can you check on this?  
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> Job  
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02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV  
02/12/2007 12:30 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc DScott@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

I will look into this and get back to you.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- [eacon@eac.gov](mailto:eacon@eac.gov). If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
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Phone - (202) 566-3125  
Fax - (202) 566-0957

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.  
---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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## Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <[REDACTED]>

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

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**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:tsirvello@texas.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

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Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

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Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

### Preliminary EAC Research


Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

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I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

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ct Working Group

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*Tony*

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

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To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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Washington, DC 20005

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email: psims@eac.gov

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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. There's no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang < [REDACTED] > wrote:

- > I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?
- > I will be in DC for
- > other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any
- > difference (EAC would not
- > have to pay my transportation if it was on, for
- > example, Monday May 8 or
- > possibly even the 9th) Thanks.
- >
- > Tova Andrea Wang
- > Democracy Fellow
- > The Century Foundation
- > [REDACTED]
- > [REDACTED]
- >
- > Visit our Web site, [REDACTED]
- > [REDACTED] for the latest news,
- > analysis, opinions, and events.
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- > [REDACTED]
- > [REDACTED]
- > Click here to receive our
- > weekly e-mail updates.
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

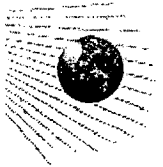
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"

04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM

**To:** [redacted], serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"

[redacted]

04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info [icon]

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
[REDACTED]

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Please review the attached and let me know of any  
> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
>  
>

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04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regretablely not public at present.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it  
our in a couple months.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found  
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that  
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our  
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that  
we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled  
"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see  
them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to  
find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"

[REDACTED]  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

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meeting.

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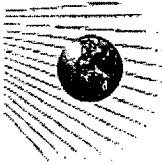
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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running [REDACTED]

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: doj training materials [REDACTED]

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] Tova Wang"  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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Washington, D.C. 20005  
202.566.3100

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?  
>  
> --- Peggy  
>  
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> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?  
>  
> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule  
> this week. Is this the last interview that you were  
> able to arrange?

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > to say she would be  
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> > next week for the  
> > interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> > Job?  
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> > [REDACTED]  
> > 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> > psims@eac.gov  
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> > Hi Peg,  
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> > Happy Easter!  
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<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

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> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc

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> Subject  
> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> Peg - -

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> Hi, Craig:

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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative  
> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

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> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Tova and Job:

I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back to say she would be available Wednesday through Friday this week and next week for the interview. Which day and time is best for you and Job?

--- Peggy

[redacted]  
04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

Subject

donsanto again

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebroy"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter  
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on  
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

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[REDACTED]  
04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto again

Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information?  
Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

*Tony*

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> > I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
> >  
> > --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
> >  
> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy  
---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM ----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



**"Weinberg and Utrecht"**  
[REDACTED]

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative 

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---

Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2007 03:57 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
08/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Fw: please investigate

Hi-

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Thanks

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To [REDACTED], HAVainfo@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name 320-230-0961". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Cheryl Bollinger  
[REDACTED]  
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OK, I will get started on the interview summaries today.

DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

**Attend the Department of Justice's Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium.** The consultants also believe it would be useful for any further activity in this area to include attendance at the next Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

Footnote:

By attending the symposium researchers could learn more about the following: How *DEOs* are trained, e.g. what they are taught to focus their resources on; How they are instructed to respond to various types of complaints; How information about previous elections and voting issues is presented; and, How the Voting Rights Act, the criminal laws governing election fraud and intimidation, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act are described and explained to participants.

DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

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Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Subject Revised - Draft -- Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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Bryan:

The two consultants were:

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

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# **EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study**

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud resesarch that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
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### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the *USA Today* newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Peg, et.al-

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To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
01/23/2007 02:35 PM


To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.  
Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV  
01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: 

Peg-

Could you get Elle and answer on this, if she hasn't already gotten one?

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV  
01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject

Hey Karen,

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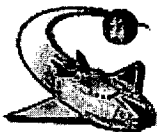
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01/26/2007 11:54 AM


To klyndyson@eac.gov@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: 

I already got one, thanks!

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02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fw: 1099

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099

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Julie:

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/09/2007 06:01 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject 1099

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: 1099 Incorrect

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 05:57 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099 Incorrect

Julie:

I just added my invoices and I get only around \$39,700 including the travel expense reimbursement. The 1099 needs to be corrected.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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Peggy Sims

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:30 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc DScott@eac.gov

Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

I will look into this and get back to you.

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Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eaccon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
Office of Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission  
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addressed. It may contain information that is privileged, confidential, or otherwise protected from disclosure under applicable law.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** w [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM ---



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting



No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. Theres no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
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To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting



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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation

> [REDACTED]  
> P [REDACTED] 7534

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview [icon]

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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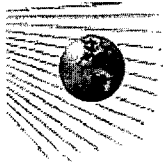
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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>  
Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"

04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"

04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info 

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 




"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM



To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  


Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
  


--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Please review the attached and let me know of any  
> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
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> level of public attribution that would be  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebroy"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [\[redacted\]](#)

cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy  
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

Please review the attached and let me know of any corrections that should be made. Thanks! --- Peggy



Work Group Contact Info.xls

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]

Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]@eeglobal.net  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

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**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@eeglobal.net  
**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
>

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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
>  
>  
>

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[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.  
Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:tony.j.sirvello@tarrantcountytx.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

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**Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group**

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

**Background**

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

**Preliminary EAC Research**

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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> > Peg  
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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> > To: psims@eac.gov  
> > Subject: Question  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

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Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]

05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:  
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be

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having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM —



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member

> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet, it's not the most clear though.

Laiza N. Otero  
Research Associate  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Tel. (202) 566-1707  
Fax (202) 566-3128

-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy



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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, [redacted],  
[redacted], [redacted],  
jrperz [redacted], mhearne [redacted],  
bginsberg [redacted], Rbauer [redacted],  
barnwine [redacted], g, serebrov [redacted],  
[redacted]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

Tamar Nedzar  
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TNedzar@eac.gov



House Conference Report.doc



Senate Conference Report.doc

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"Tova Wang"

05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: voucher

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



combined defining Fraud 11-18-05.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

[Redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [Redacted]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[Redacted]

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:27 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject board of advisers presentation

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> I still think its sufficient for him to raise the  
> points verbally. All of  
> the interview summaries reflect what Job and I both  
> understood the  
> interviewees to say. This really opens to the door  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
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>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question

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> Job  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To: dromig@eac.gov  
cc: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: I'm sorry

Great -- thanks so much and apologies for the false alarm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

Devon Romig  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:26 AM

To: psims@eac.gov  
cc: dromig@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: I'm sorry

Thats good. I'm probably just getting crazy, trying to make sure everything is perfect. Devon, maybe you can check? Otherwise I'll check it when it comes. Thanks. And be well Peg.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:23 AM  
**To:** Tova Andrea Wang  
**Subject:** Re: I'm sorry

Tova:

I think you did send this --- or is this a revised version of one you sent earlier? It should be on the CD in the packet you should receive today.. (Can't check that right now as I am at the clinic.) If I put anything on the CD that you want to highlight at the meeting, let me know and we'll make copies for those attending.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [mailto:twang@t...]  
**Sent:** 05/15/2006 09:07 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Devon Romig  
**Subject:** I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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phone: [Redacted]

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

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Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## Existing Research Analysis

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the “second phase” of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund’s frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the “second phase” of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.

- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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To Craig Donsanto

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
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Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
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Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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Election and counting and error  
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Voter identification  
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Voter and racial profiling  
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Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"

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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
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I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

001314



Peg - -

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

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Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov [redacted]

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: w [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

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Ballot box and tampering

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05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

To: psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject: RE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries

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represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogil/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig"

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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

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Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
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To: [REDACTED]

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Wendy R. Weiser  
Deputy Director, Democracy Program  
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cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 11:42 AM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Both of these reports are draft reports to the EAC and are currently being reviewed by staff. While we have released some of the data tables that Eagleton neither of these reports can be released.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Bryan Whitener  
----- Original Message -----

From: Bryan Whitener  
Sent: 10/11/2006 11:34 AM

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To: Thomas Wilkey  
Cc: Jeannie Layson; Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Juliet Hodgkins  
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Do we have a policy on distributing the items she is requesting?

—— Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 10/11/2006 11:33 AM ——



"Wendy Weiser"

10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

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Subject request for reports

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08/22/2006 02:09 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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cc "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Does EAC have access to stats on --

-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:37 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:26 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 01:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Funding 

Peggy,  
Could you give Jeannie a call she needs some help fashioning a statment regarding the USA Today article since Tova and Job are hoping mad  
Thanks

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/13/2006 01:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
**Cc:** Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding

FYI.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 01:22 PM -----  
"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

James Carrera / KPMG LLP / [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/27/2006 12:51 PM

To Bryan Whitener  
cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc


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To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

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I will IF they sign off on it

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ggilmour@eac.gov  
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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website  
[REDACTED]

Art Levine

Senior Fellow

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Washington, D.C. 20008

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[REDACTED]

Also,

### Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News

By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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To [REDACTED]

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our [Fed. Register notice](#) that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

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08/22/2006 02:44 PM

To "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>,  
"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

**To:** "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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"Tova Wang"

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10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
<Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

Visit [\[redacted\]](#) for the latest news, analysis, opinions, and events.

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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Adam D. Ambrogi  
Democratic Professional Staff Member  
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration  
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 479  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-0279

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
10/13/2006 04:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 04:37 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]@tcf.org  
10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioners but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bryan Whitener

**Sent:** 09/22/2006 05:10 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour

**Cc:** Jeannie Layson

**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.

(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan


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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.

We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.

Thanks for your help.

Tom

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To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov, klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,  
A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 10:32 AM

To [REDACTED]

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cc  
Subject today's posting

Dan,

Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc ggilmour@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine [REDACTED]

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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cc  
Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine [REDACTED]

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

----- Forwarded by Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV on 10/12/2006 04:06 PM -----  
Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

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Subject reporter - Art Levine [REDACTED]

Art Levine  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
200 [REDACTED]  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

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Art Levine

Senior Fellow

[REDACTED]

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Washington, D.C. 20008

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News

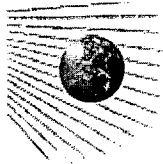
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

Paul DeGregorio

Chairman

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/27/2006 12:18 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
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klynndyson@eac.gov  
Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.

--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along.

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Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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09/26/2006 12:50 PM

To Thomas Wilkey

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Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

:-)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 05:24 PM


To eacon@eac.gov  
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Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 04:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject tova

See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2007 04:27 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Project Emails

I think the attached emails are the ones missing from the last batch. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 04:22 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
02/12/2007 02:01 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099 

Job:

The 1099 appears to be correct based on records from the Finance Office. Apparently, the amount includes all but the first two payments made to you under the contracts, based on *when* the payment was processed by GSA (see attached spreadsheet). --- Peggy



GSA List of Job Serebrov payment for Year 2006.xls

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Julie just forwarded your inquiry. That figure  
> looks too high to me, too!  
> I'll check with our finance folks next Monday to

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
03/09/2007 02:47 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie  
Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House  
Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 03/09/2007 02:29 PM -----



"Dan Seligson"

03/09/2007 02:26 PM

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,  
Dan

Daniel Seligson  
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03/13/2007 02:31 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc ddavidson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
03/13/2007 02:25 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov,  
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Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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cc jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go [here](#) for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Most of the working files for this project are in a red folder sitting on my window sill; but I have some individual files in manila folders for Job and Tova propped upright on my desk next to the computer. Isn't this something that can wait until Monday? --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 04:42 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Where are your working files maintained?

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 04/13/2007 04:27 PM EDT

**To:** Edgardo Cortes

**Subject:** Re: Working group meeting transcript

I don't maintain "official" contract files, just working copies (and I am missing a copy of one of Tova's contracts). The official files should be with the other official EAC contract files. There were 4 personal services contracts between Tova and Job. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

They are also requesting copies of the signed contracts. Where are your official contract files for that contract? Let me know where they are and I will pull them to give Gavin the copies so he can review for releasability. Thanks!

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Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

There is only one transcript. In addition to the electronic copy, I have a hard copy in the file. Job Serebrov submitted one correction related to the information reported on his background, not the study. Otherwise, the transcript has NOT been reviewed for accuracy and we have not released copies to anyone but our consultants. --- Peggy

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04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Subject Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

Is the transcript contained in T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group the only transcript that exists for that working group? Did you ever review it for accuracy? Has it been released to anyone previously? We've had a request from Todd Rokita's office for a copy and I want to be sure we are sending the correct file. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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believe you can find it at the following link:

[attachment "20070411voters\_draft\_report.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

I will need to get back with you regarding the Contract Employees scope of work.

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04/17/2007 01:27 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Vote fraud report 

As far as I know, you are absolutely correct! Julie did the bulk of the rewrite and used my analyses of the preliminary info submitted by our contractors. I know that I had no contact with the administration regarding this study. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
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Subject Vote fraud report

The St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote an editorial that said the administration edited our report. I am almost absolutely sure that is not true, but I wanted to confirm that with you before I request a correction. Thanks.

Jeannie Layson

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Need emails 

Julie:

The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"



10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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04/17/2007 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 📧

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia." Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

*2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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Subject Need your help ASAP

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Peg,

If possible, I need answers for these questions in reference to the vote fraud/voter intimidation project by 2 p.m. today for an inquiry for Congressional Quarterly:

1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?
2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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To eaccon@eac.gov  
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Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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Subject Job and Tova

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Job and Tova 

Julie:

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If you want, I can cross reference each of these with the list of articles and ID any missing summaries. I could do that over the weekend. --- Peggy

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Subject Re: Job and Tova 

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I think we should use the content of those articles or some summary of them as a background of what we know about VF and VI. I just didn't want to have to read all of those articles to be able to make some generalized statements about their contents.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

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DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

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Yes (at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Interviews\Interview Summaries). Do you want me to do the same with those as I did with the literature summaries? --- Peggy

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Did Tova and Job provide us with summaries or notes of their interviews?

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Thanks. Currently, on the phone with Job. Ugh!!!!

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



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Julie:

I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Julie:

I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

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Julie:

I assume you mean the note associated with the Tanner interview when you mentioned the pending cases. That's fine by me. I was just a little concerned that the note as a whole was a little adversarial and whiny. If any questions arise as to why certain items should be deleted from the Donsanto interview summary, I have answers. --- Peggy

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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Please review ASAP - Fw: Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

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Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

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- Job Serebrov 

The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

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## EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

12/13/2006 10:14 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov,  
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cc twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
ggilmour@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud research that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
US Election Assistance Commission

### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Subject Re: Rick Hasen response-need your approval

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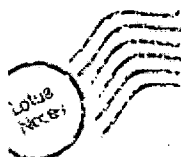
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12/14/2006 01:19 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: PFAW Response to EAC Vote Fraud Report 

Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-


I did not have any interaction with this group.

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Hillman/EAC/GOV

12/14/2006 12:07  
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12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
01/23/2007 02:35 PM


To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.  
Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV  
01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: 

Peg-

Could you get Elle and answer on this, if she hasn't already gotten one?

Thanks

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV  
01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

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Elle  
Elle Collver  
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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV  
01/26/2007 11:54 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re:

I already got one, thanks!

Elle L.K. Kuala  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fw: 1099

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----- Forwarded by Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV on 02/09/2007 05:44 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099

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Julie:

I received my 1099 and the figure looks too high. It is listed at \$58,065.35. Can you check on this?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/09/2007 06:01 PM

To [REDACTED] et

cc

Subject 1099

Job:

Julie just forwarded your inquiry. That figure looks too high to me, too! I'll check with our finance folks next Monday to find out what happened. Hope all is well with you.

Peggy Sims  
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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

02/09/2007 06:07 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: 1099 Incorrect

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 05:57 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099 Incorrect

Julie:

I just added my invoices and I get only around \$39,700 including the travel expense reimbursement. The 1099 needs to be corrected.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099

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ACT# E4019905, Contract # EAC 06-05

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV  
02/12/2007 12:30 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc DScott@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

I will look into this and get back to you.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eaccon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
Office of Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission  
Phone - (202) 566-3125  
Fax - (202) 566-0957

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  


Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
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"Job Serebrov"



05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"



cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Conference Call 

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If "Yes", check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted] >



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:  
>  
> As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears  
> to be the best  
> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not  
> available to attend in  
> person that day (he is available only 2 days during  
> the first three weeks  
> of May). We won't have confirmation of the  
> availability of Secretary  
> Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.  
>  
> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

Are yu available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be  
> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.

> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.

> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
>> Job:  
>>  
>> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
>> 4 1/2 hours. We really  
>> need to have you here in person if you are to help  
>> conduct the Working  
>> Group meeting. You should make your travel  
>> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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>>  
>> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
>> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
>>  
>> To  
>> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
>> cc  
>>  
>> Subject  
>> Re: Working Group  
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>>  
>> Peggy:  
>>  
>> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
>> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
>> in  
>> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
>> money  
>> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
>> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
>> for  
>> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
>> for  
>> this working group meeting to take place in  
> person.  
>> It  
>> is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> by  
>> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
>> the  
>> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
>>  
>> Job  
>>  
>>  
>> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>>  
>>> Hi, Folks:  
>>>

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> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > it  
> > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > out  
> > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground

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> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NEW YORK, NY 10021  
p [REDACTED] 212-754-7554

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Literature Summary

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of [The Federal Crime of Election Fraud](#) by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 03:45 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted]@pac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; pwims@eac.gov  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum  
>  
> Here' s his info in full:  
>  
> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>  
> 1  
>  
> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for  
> the Lawyers Committee  
> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> Arnwine, the Executive  
> Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
>  
> His contact and mailing info is:  
>  
> [redacted]  
> [redacted]  
> [redacted]  
> Suite 400  
> Washington, DC 20005  
>  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> [redacted]  
> [redacted]  
> [redacted]  
> Visit our Web site, <[http://\[redacted\]](http://[redacted])>  
> [www.\[redacted\]](http://www.[redacted]) for the latest news,  
> analysis, opinions, and events.

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> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED] et>  
05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary

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> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is

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05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez 

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

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email: psims@eac.gov

"J. R. Perez" <[REDACTED]>



"J. R. Perez" <[REDACTED]>

05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5\_5\_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez  
Elections Administrator  
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[Redacted]

05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-493-5343

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---

Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[Redacted]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

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said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group List

List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

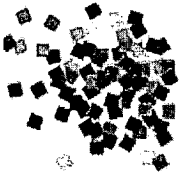
--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

>

> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working  
> Group members. I need  
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the  
> day, and have not heard  
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a  
> vacancy, or list Norcross  
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a  
> substitute, we can always  
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo\\_landing.html?category=sweet\\_sleeper](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper)

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang  
201 West 74th Street, Apt 11F  
New York, NY 10023  
Phone: 212-362-5223  
(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov  
2110 South Spring Street  
Little Rock, AR 72206  
Phone: 501-374-2176

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell phone 917-656-7905. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM


**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"  


04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: interview analysis

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 01:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

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Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

To [Redacted]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serahov" [Redacted]

To

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05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have placed another call to his office (after one  
> previous call to his  
> assistant and an email to him). I, too, am  
> concerned about our dwindling  
> chances. --- Peggy

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>  
>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition

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>  
> Given the short time period, you may want to give  
> Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer  
> our chances are of getting Braden.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> > received a "No" from  
> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Fraud Definition

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> >  
> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,  
> > the  
> > > WG will have  
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you  
> > and  
> > > Tova containing the  
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > > sent anything yet  
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > > inclusion. (Still  
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> > >  
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > > very short meeting after  
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference  
> > the  
> > > following Monday  
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll  
> > be  
> > > out of the office  
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin  
> > that  
> > > day. --- Peggy  
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> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > > cc  
> > >  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> > packets  
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure  
> > with  
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a  
> > > teleconference  
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We

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Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 11:51 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need  
> to know as we continue  
> our search.) -- Peg  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Update  
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> Peggy:  
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> Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move  
> on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still  
> no  
> good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not  
> workable.  
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> Job  
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>  
> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you and  
> Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to incorporate  
> comments received on the report and other efforts that fall within the  
> tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but there  
> might be a little year end money we can use to finish this off properly.  
> Peg

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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>  
> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Various

>  
> Peg:

>  
> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> reimbursement?

>  
> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> statement in one interview that there is a  
> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph  
> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
> electoral investigations.

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> Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [REDACTED]

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative 

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

>  
> To  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative

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>  
> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:

[REDACTED]

> > 1  
> >  
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > His contact and mailing info is:

[REDACTED]

> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
> > The Century Foundation

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

Devon Romig  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]> wrote:


> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
>  
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> tomorrow. Depositions all  
> day today. Thanks, Pat  
>  
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?  
>  
>  
> Patrick J. Rogers  
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:49 PM -----

**Bola Olu/EAC/GOV**  
02/12/2007 01:13 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc DScott@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

Please find attached a record of payments that GSA Finance made to Job during 2006. Hope this will clear any confusion on both sides. Let me know if I can further assist you.



List of Job Serebrov payment for Year 2006.xls

**Bola Olu**  
Financial Administrative Specialist  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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F:202/566-3127  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099

Diana And Bola:

Job Serebrov, one of our personal services contractors on the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project, has received a 1099 that shows total payments from EAC in 2006 of \$58,065.35. He asked me to check the payments I had listed for him because the amount seemed too high to him.

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high. Can one of you help me figure this out? The ACT and contract numbers for his personal services contracts involving any payments in 2006 follow:

ACT# E4019698, Contract # EAC 05-67  
ACT# E4019905, Contract # EAC 06-05

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 01:33 PM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Thanks for looking this up for me. It appears that they included 2 payments made at the end of 2005 in the total for 2006. Is that standard operating procedure? --- Peggy

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 01:13 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc DScott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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ACT# E4019905, Contract # EAC 06-05

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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> P.O. Box 2168  
> Address: [REDACTED] 2168  
> Telephone: [REDACTED]  
> Fax: [REDACTED] 2168

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> Subject: Working Group meeting

> Pat:  
>  
> The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> project is scheduled for  
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> Could you come? If so,  
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

> Regards,  
>  
> Job

-----  
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
>  
>

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM

To: psims@eac.gov; [redacted]

Subject: Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
>  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED], dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted name]

05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:  
>  
> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE  
>  
> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
>  
> \*\*\*  
>  
> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY  
> ELECTION COMMISSION.  
> (a) The position of county elections  
> administrator is filled by  
> appointment of the county election commission, which  
> consists of:  
> (1) the county judge, as chair;  
> (2) the county clerk, as vice  
> chair;  
> (3) the county tax  
> assessor-collector, as secretary; and  
> (4) the county chair of each  
> political party that made  
> nominations by primary election for the last general  
> election for state  
> and county officers preceding the date of the  
> meeting at which the  
> appointment is made.  
> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of  
> the commission's  
> membership is necessary for the appointment of an  
> administrator.  
> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a  
> written resolution or  
> order signed by the number of commission members  
> necessary to make the  
> appointment. Not later than the third day after the  
> date an administrator  
> is appointed, the officer who presided at the  
> meeting shall file a signed  
> copy of the resolution or order with the county  
> clerk. Not later than the  
> third day after the date the copy is filed, the  
> county clerk shall deliver  
> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the  
> secretary of state.  
> (d) The initial appointment may be made at  
> any time after the  
> adoption of the order creating the position.  
>  
> \*\*\*  
>  
> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
> (a) A county elections administrator may  
> not be a candidate for a  
> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or  
> hold an office of or position in a political party.  
> At the time an  
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an  
> office or position in  
> violation of this subsection, the administrator  
> vacates the position of  
> administrator.  
> (b) A county elections administrator  
> commits an offense if the  
> administrator makes a political contribution or  
> political expenditure, as  
> defined by the law regulating political funds and  
> campaigns, or publicly  
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or  
> a measure to be voted  
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection  
> is a Class A  
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the  
> administrator's employment is  
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible  
> for future appointment  
> as county elections administrator.

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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>  
> The code attachment did not work that is what I  
> meant  
> by it did not come through.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy

> >  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group-Perez  
> >  
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> >  
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> >  
> >  
> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> > a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> > would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> > and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> > in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> > party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > > to  
> > > find a nonpartisan  
> > > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > > Group. The three of us  
> > > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> >  
> > > I  
> > > proposed that I find  
> > > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > > colorful  
> > > history of voting  
> > > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > > it.  
> > > In those Texas  
> > > counties that hire Election Administrators to  
> > > run  
> > > elections, rather than  
> > > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > > voter registration;  
> > > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > > Administrator is hired by the  
> > > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > > perform his or her duties in  
> > > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts  
> > > from  
> > > Texas Election Code  
> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan  
> > > activity.)  
> > > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > > familiar with voting fraud  
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that  
> State.  
> >  
> > > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > > years experience as a county Election  
> > Administrator  
> > > in Texas. You won't  
> > > find many news articles mentioning him because  
> he  
> > > has kept his nose clean.  
> > > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > > country, prefers to  
> > > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > > association of Texas  
> > > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > > of election officials  
> > > in this country: the International Association  
> of  
> > > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
>  
=== message truncated ===

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with



> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.  
> >  
> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> >  
> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:  
> > >  
> > >

[REDACTED]

>  
> >  
> > > 1  
> > >  
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> Barbara  
> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > >  
> > > His contact and mailing info is:

> > > [REDACTED]

> > > [REDACTED]

> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005

> > >  
> > >

> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation

> > > [REDACTED]

> > > [REDACTED]

> > > Visit our Web site, <<http://www.votingrights.org>>  
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> > > analysis, opinions, and events.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" 

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or 202-566-3105), who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Cc:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]@eac.gov

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

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 05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
 cc  
 Subject Re: arnwine 

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
 [REDACTED]  
 05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject arnwine

She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV  
04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington  
[REDACTED]

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04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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Thanks, again!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?

> --- Peggy

> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> donsanto again

> Hi Peg,

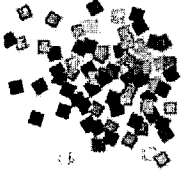
> Happy Easter!

> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 12:24 PM

To Rivers@BlankRome.com

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

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To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Peggy,

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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

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Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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cc  
Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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[Redacted]  
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To "Job Serebrov" [Redacted] "Tova Andrea Wang" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

04/18/2006 11:38 AM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.

Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.


Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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04/18/2006 10:13 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

Edgardo Cortés  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Ste. 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
866-747-1471 toll free  
202-566-3126 direct  
202-566-3127 fax  
ecortes@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To   
cc  ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call 1-866-222-9044.
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

You mentioned that Secretary Grayson may be using a cell phone. Our teleconference provider has given us the following information regarding the use of cell phones during the teleconference:

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- Signals are often in and out and the audio bridging equipment cannot compensate fast enough by adjusting the signal. This affects all participants connected. If participants must use a cell phone – they **should be stationary in a location where they can pick up the other participants**, moving while using a cell phone causes the signal to go in and out and often will pick up extraneous electrical signals that will cause heavy static on the call.
- The cell phone should be well charged and muted, if possible, until the individual is ready to speak.
- If there is a problem, anybody who dials into a conference can **contact the operator/technicians by simply pressing \*0 (star zero)**. This information is part of the recording when individuals are dialing in.

If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him at 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free) or 202-566-3126. He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

Peggy Sims  
 Election Research Specialist  
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
 Fax: 202-566-3127  
 email: psims@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
 [Redacted]  
 04/21/2006 11:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
 cc [Redacted]  
 Subject summaries of interviews

Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

Tova Andrea Wang  
 Democracy Fellow  
 The Century Foundation  
 [Redacted]  
 phone: [Redacted]

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

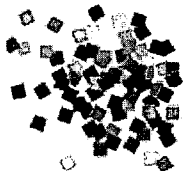
Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Are you two still available for the conference call  
> we had scheduled for  
> this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rivers@BlankRome.com  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"  
 [redacted]  
 04/21/2006 11:18 AM










To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
 cc  
 Subject case charts 2

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 Democracy Fellow

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"Tova Wang"  
 [redacted]  
 04/21/2006 11:14 AM




To psims@eac.gov  
 cc "Job Serebrov"  
 Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:22 AM

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cc

Subject methodology review

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 12:13 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

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And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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cc

Subject job's case charts 1

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04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott  
cc  
Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

>

> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

>

> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back

> to say she would be

> available Wednesday through Friday this week and

> next week for the

> interview. Which day and time is best for you and

> Job?

>

> --- Peggy

>

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> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

>

> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm  
>

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject interview analysis

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

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ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

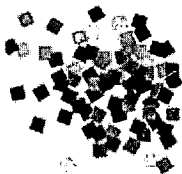
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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██████████  
05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ██████████

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job
- > In preparing the CDs, we have run across the
- > following files that appear
- > to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?
- > --- Peggy
- >
- >
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- >

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

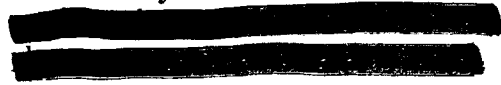
To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"

Subject list of interviewees

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/05/2006 12:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham


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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]>  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
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05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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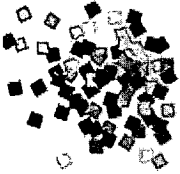
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
[www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)

----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:12 AM -----



"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To [REDACTED]

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov) [<mailto:dromig@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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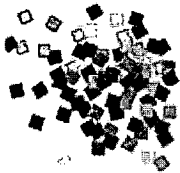
that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project.  
I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballot conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

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> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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> Subject  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> Barbara  
> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
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> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
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> > > [REDACTED] org  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
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> > > Visit our Web site, <ht [REDACTED]>  
> > > ww [REDACTED] for the latest news,  
> > > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 04:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]> Tova Andrea Wang  
cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

To psims@eac.gov

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

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Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

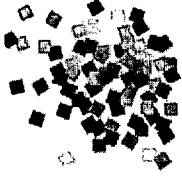
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pegasims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
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> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
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> mile  
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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
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> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
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> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
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> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
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> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
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> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
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> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
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> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Question

Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. ---  
Peggy

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

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**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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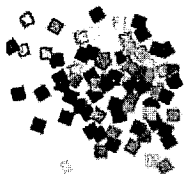
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

.I can also check around for different prices.

Devon Romig  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

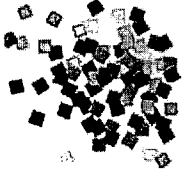
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant:*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative

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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:

> > >  
> > >

[REDACTED]

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> > >  
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:  
Title:  
Entity for whom you work:  
Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:  
Work Telephone:  
Fax Number:  
Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- >
- > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
- > 4 1/2 hours. We really
- > need to have you here in person if you are to help
- > conduct the Working
- > Group meeting. You should make your travel
- > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy
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- > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
- > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM
- >
- > To
- > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
- > cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> in  
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> money  
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> for  
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> for  
> this working group meeting to take place in person.  
> It  
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by  
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> the  
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
>  
> Job  
>  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Hi, Folks:  
> >  
> > Teleconference  
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > please suggest another  
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > preparations for the  
> > Working Group meeting.  
> >  
> > Working Group Members  
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > nonpartisan local  
> > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > objections to him. He  
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > Rogers office, but  
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > pull with him, you  
> > may want to contact him, too.

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> >  
> > Travel Arrangements  
> > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > including hotel. Travel  
> > time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> > hours actually worked on  
> > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > preparation for the meeting,  
> > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> >  
> > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > hotel taxes (if you  
> > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > rates that are a little  
> > higher)  
> > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it  
> > is  
> > \$48 on the first and  
> > last day of travel)  
> > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> > mile  
> >  
> > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out  
> > a  
> > travel authorization  
> > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> > receipt (or mileage  
> > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > transportation receipts and a  
> > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > total travel expenses due  
> > you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> > meal receipts.  
> >  
> > Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> > for personal reasons are  
> > not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> > however, is to give me a  
> > comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage,  
> > hotel,  
> > and per diem of doing  
> > it your way against the cost of a roundtrip  
> > flight,  
> > ground transportation,  
> > hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> > should be no problem to  
> > cover the full cost. If your way is more  
> > expensive,  
> > we may only pay up to  
> > the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> > apply to me when I  
> > travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> > you will spend the  
> > night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
> >  
> > Peggy  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

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To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have  
> already established we are  
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about  
> Ginsburg yet anyway,  
> right?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [redacted]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: [redacted]  
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant  
by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
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> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
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> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65

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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
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> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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### Travel Arrangements

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Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc [redacted]  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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"Tova Wang"

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05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

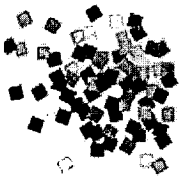
To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson@eac.gov, [redacted]  
barnwine@eac.gov, [redacted]  
dlovecchio@eac.gov, [redacted], Rbauer@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th



Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted] dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> wrote:  
>  
> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> >  
> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> > tomorrow. Depositions all  
> > day today. Thanks, Pat  
> >  
> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> >  
> > Patrick J. Rogers  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]

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> > -----Original Message-----  
> > From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
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> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> > To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Subject: Working Group meeting  
> >  
> > Pat:  
> >  
> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> > project is scheduled for  
> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> > Could you come? If so,  
> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.  
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> > Regards,  
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> > Job  
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> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
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> > e-mail or by calling  
> > [REDACTED] so that our address record can be  
> > corrected. Thank you.  
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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
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(202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[Redacted]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> WG will have  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

> To

> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

> cc

> Subject

> Re: Fraud Definition

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> This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets  
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> Tova's response we will need to have a  
> teleconference  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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> Re: Fraud Definition

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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> > I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud

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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,

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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> > --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group

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> > Peggy:

> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> knocked  
> > off Tova's list?

> > Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]>  
05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc



Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[http://\[redacted\]](#)

Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

[redacted]

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
- > to be the best
- > possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
- > available to attend in
- > person that day (he is available only 2 days during
- > the first three weeks
- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
- > availability of Secretary
- > Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
- >
- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**Subject:** research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC [PDF]

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

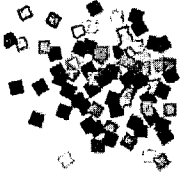
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group



I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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[REDACTED]  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:



As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears to be the best possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not available to attend in person that day (he is available only 2 days during the first three weeks of May). We won't have confirmation of the availability of Secretary Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.

I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can schedule a teleconference on Monday afternoon. ---  
Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg --

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Let us know your desires - - -

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/04/2006 02:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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[REDACTED]  
05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



\* Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?

> J~

> --- [REDACTED] re:

>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

[REDACTED]

He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara Arnwine, the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee.

His contact and mailing info is:

jgreenbaum [REDACTED]

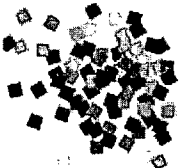
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.


I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC. Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group 

Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 4 1/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
--- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile

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>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

>  
>  
>  
>

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Latham  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
>  
>  
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>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Update [REDACTED]

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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**From:** Tova Wang [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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[redacted]  
08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
> Tova:  
>  
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy  
>  
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
>

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
OV  
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John Tanner Comments

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100

----- Forwarded by Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV on 08/10/2006 04:25 PM -----



"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov  
>  
08/10/2006 12:29 PM

To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject



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Cameron P. Quinn  
Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice  
Washington DC 20530  
202-305-9750

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

001601

Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/10/2006 01:55 PM -----

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy


Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.


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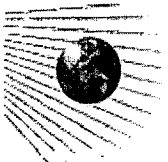


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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Re: Interview Request 



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**Sent:** 10/11/2006 10:15 AM  
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Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

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"Wendy Weiser"

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[Redacted]  
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject request for reports

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Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser  
Deputy Director, Democracy Program  
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law  
[Redacted]  
New York, NY 10013  
[Redacted]  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Margaret Sims  
----- Original Message -----

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**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
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The working group met prior to the meeting of the EAC boards, but too late for its deliberations to be summarized in the written status report on the project that was delivered to the boards. The status report notes that a meeting of the working group was about to be held to review the research so far and make recommendations. ----- Peggy

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to given on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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Both of these reports are draft reports to the EAC and are currently being reviewed by staff. While we have released some of the data tables that Eagleton neither of these reports can be released.

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Bryan Whitener

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials



I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----

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05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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Miscount and votes  
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Election and counting and violation  
Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge

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Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
Vote and African American and challenge  
Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino  
Vote and deny and Hispanic  
Vote and deny and Latino  
Voter and Hispanic and challenge  
Voter and Latino and challenge  
Vote and Hispanic and challenge  
Vote and Latino and challenge  
Election and Hispanic and challenge  
Election and Latino and challenge  
Voter and deny and Native American  
Vote and deny and Native American  
Voter and Native American and challenge  
Vote and Native American and challenge  
Election and Native American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Asian American  
Vote and deny and Asian American  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
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Election and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Indian  
Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging

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Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective  
Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier  
Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line  
  
Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive

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Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
Poll inspector and intimidating  
Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
Poll judge and challenge  
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Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
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Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
Election observer and threatening

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov,  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject  
RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act" -----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto  
cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants' summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"

06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

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"Craig C. Donsanto"

05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)

> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <[REDACTED]>

> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"

> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>

> Mike - -

> As we say back where I come from: this article is  
> "wicked pissah"!

> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end  
> has

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> been contracted with the Election Assistance  
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the  
> US.  
> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --  
> despite the fact that she has had the rare  
> opportunity  
> to interview me and get stats from me and my  
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.  
>  
> You should be most proud of this article as it  
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are  
> trying to do in this very important area of federal  
> law enforcement.

> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -

> --- "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:

> > Craig,

> > As requested, please find below The Hill article  
> on  
> > the CF&BF  
> > Initiative:

> > <http://thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/052506/news4.ht>

> > ml

> > Michael

> > SSA Michael B. Elliott

> > Public Corruption/Governmental Fraud Unit

> > FBIHQ, Room 3975

> > Craig C. Donsanto

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

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Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff? Thanks. Tova

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06/01/2006 02:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

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05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" < [REDACTED] >

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes 

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"Tova Wang" < [REDACTED] >



"Tova Wang"

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject notes

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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[Redacted]  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy



06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject

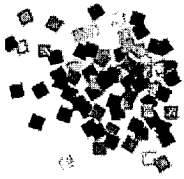
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM



To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]

Tim at Carol reporting:said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

>

> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> --- Peggy

>

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>

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject  
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg: [REDACTED]

>

> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.

> As  
> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done  
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and  
> expand on mine this weekend.

>

> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

>

> Job

>

>

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
> ---  
> > Peggy  
> >  
> >  
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> >  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> >  
> >  
> >  
> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: <[REDACTED]>  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
> >  
> >  
> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
> > > email  
> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > >  
> > > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
> > > AM  
> > > psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Re:

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recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To [redacted]  
cc [redacted]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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wang@tcf.org

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"Tova Wang"

06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts 

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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Thank you,

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> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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>> >> Thanks.  
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>> >> Democracy Fellow  
>> >> The Century Foundation  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. ---

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To:

> Cc:

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an

> > electronic copy. If we

> > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and email

> > it to the two of you.

> > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a brief

> > teleconference? I

> > really can't do it before them because of other

> > commitments. --- Peggy

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> > psims@eac.gov

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> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:35 AM  
> > Subject: Re:  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova


Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference 

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peg:

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Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Tova Wang"

To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peggy:

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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[REDACTED]  
06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED], <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job,

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> --- [REDACTED] wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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 Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 01:24 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher 

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject voucher

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Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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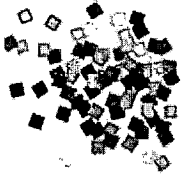
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
[www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"  
[redacted]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, [redacted]

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: [REDACTED]

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
 > next week good for you  
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06/22/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:19 PM

To [redacted]  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
 Subject Re: teleconference [redacted]

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy



To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], psims@eac.gov

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06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

To: [redacted] <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> EST?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM  
To Diana Scott  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM  
To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: pay/travel

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Simmons, Nancy"

<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov

>

06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy


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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov 

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV



Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  Tova Andrea  
Wang"   
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov"   
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me [REDACTED]

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

I am sorry, but I have to postpone the teleconference originally scheduled for this evening. Is another day this week or early next week good for you two? Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

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>  
> I don't know how we might be able to use these but  
> here, finally, are the

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we  
> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> Tova Andrea  
Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM  
To: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: nexis

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"Tova Wang"  
<[REDACTED]>

06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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[REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To: [REDACTED]@sims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org Note:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: [REDACTED]  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> CC: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

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>  
> > That would be great on the contract.  
> >  
> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
> >  
> >  
> >> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one  
> > I did attend, but I  
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> > time. I just wanted you to  
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> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> > about that.  
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> > this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
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> > and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> > other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> > contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> > we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
> >>  
> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
> >>  
> >>  
> >>  
> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED] et] >  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> > some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> > We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> > (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
> >>  
> >> Job  
> >>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg



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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

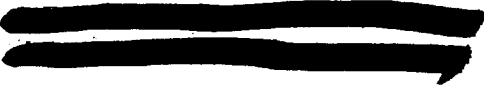
cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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"Job Serebroy"

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject outline of final report

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

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Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To [redacted] psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
Subject Re: Various

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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> finish this off properly.

> > Peg

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> > -----

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject Re: outline of final report [icon]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject outline of final report

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
06/29/2006 07:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

Peg, If you review the numerous speeches and writings of Donsanto, including at the BAI training sessions, you will see that in the past he has frequently said that as a matter of law and policy the Department generally only pursued organized patterns. I can point you to particular citations if you like. He clearly said when we interviewed him that there had been a shift in resources and energy. This is in both of our notes. I don't think this should be an issue of departmental politics.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Re: donsanto interview

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/29/2006 05:31 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]lkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview [REDACTED]

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

Peg, If you review the numerous speeches and writings of Donsanto, including at the BAI training sessions, you will see that in the past he has frequently said that as a matter of law and policy the Department generally only pursued organized patterns. I can point you to particular citations if you like. He clearly said when we interviewed him that there had been a shift in resources and energy. This is in both of our notes. I don't think this should be an issue of departmental politics.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Re: donsanto interview

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; [redacted]  
Subject: Various

Peg:

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Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I  
> did attend, but I agree the issue is taking up too  
> much of your time. I just wanted you to be forewarned  
> that the paragraph has already raised red flags in  
> DC of and is likely to result in an edit. Enough  
> said about that.

>  
> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you and Tova both agree, I'll see  
> if our Contracting Officer will approve a contract  
> mod to provide for some additional hours and money  
> to incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall within the tasks specified  
> in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but  
> there might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

> Peg

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

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> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" <carolthomasreporting@cox.net>

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is this OK now?  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/26/2006 06:52 PM


To [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Methodology for Cases



Methodology for Case Review.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry 

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 01:31 PM

To "'Job Serebrov"' [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject definition

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cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Re: donsanto interview [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey  
cc  
Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 10:36 AM —



06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.  
>  
> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,

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> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

>> -----  
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>> -----+ Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; <[REDACTED]>

>> Subject: Various

>> Peg:

>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"

Subject Re: Various

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

That would be great on the contract.

If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue, and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

Tova

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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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[REDACTED]  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM

**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
Subject: Re: methodology

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> Tova

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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc


Subject Re: Travel Funds 

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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07/03/2006 11:11 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc wilkey@eac.gov

Subject Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebrov"



07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
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07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

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07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

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To Devon Romig

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Subject Fw: methodology

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06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@eac.gov> [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

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To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To [REDACTED]@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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>  
> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>

>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

>>

>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

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>> -----

>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]

>> Subject: Various

>>

>> Peg:

>>

>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

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>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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>> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

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Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

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To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> interest in the risk analysis  
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> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.

> Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: final report [REDACTED]

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

 "Tova Wang"

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[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

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not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

> Peg:  
> I checked my account this morning (July 5th) and  
> this  
> still has not been paid. Did GSA mail it?  
>  
> Job

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> > GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"  
 [Redacted]  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

Peggy Sims  
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 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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 Washington, DC 20005  
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 email: psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

[REDACTED]  
Re: FW: methodology

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject  
FW: methodology

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-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report

appendices attached, except Peg I think you put together the list of the working group members? In any case, I can't find one at the moment, but it would be easy enough to put together. Perhaps even Devon or someone could do that, especially since I don't think I have any hours left, and probably shouldn't even be writing this email. I don't remember the conversation about adding to the list of interviewees, but we can talk about that later.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: final report

Thanks. I probably won't be able to start getting into this until tomorrow AM. I noticed that the appendices weren't attached. I think we discussed earlier that the list of interviewees needed to

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have more information for the final report, and the list of books and documents should be presented in the same manner as a bibliography for the final report. We can talk more about this tonight during our teleconference at 7 PM EST. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
CC "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject final report

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher today, signed it, and gave it to Finance. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/17/2006 12:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re: final report

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject final report



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report 

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is 212-362-5223. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: final report

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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"Tova Wang"

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

Speaking of which, does this look ok to you?

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

Tova Andrea Wang  
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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report [Attachment]

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM  
To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: final report [icon]

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Speaking of which, does this look ok to you?  
-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: final report

Thanks. I probably won't be able to start getting into this until tomorrow AM. I noticed that the appendices weren't attached. I think we discussed earlier that the list of interviewees needed to have more information for the final report, and the list of books and documents should be presented in the same manner as a bibliography for the final report. We can talk more about this tonight during our teleconference at 7 PM EST. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject final report

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy Sims  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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05/03/2006 04:59 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

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[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 03:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

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>  
05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:33 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]>  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a person just like Perez. However, given this, I would still like to know if he has a party affiliation and this brings up another issue. How is the county election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the

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Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or if he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in his/her stead and a third member picked by the party with the most constitutional officers. Practically that has meant that the Democrats have controlled election commissions in Arkansas since the end of Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the situation in Texas.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
> Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> association of Texas  
> election officials and the two largest organizations  
> of election officials  
> in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The  
> Election Center. He  
> is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> Legislative Committee for the  
> Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> currently serves on  
> IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans  
> the educational  
> sessions for election officials that are conducted

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> at that organization's  
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election  
> Center have selected  
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> his professional  
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.  
> Perez also has access  
> to information from other States through his  
> membership in IACREOT and The  
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> which you will note if you  
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> Elections web site and  
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that  
> might be useful in the  
> upcoming meeting.  
>  
> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the  
> county had over 65  
> thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> doubled the number of  
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's  
> population claims  
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> Census Bureau. The county  
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,  
> Hays, Cladwell,  
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,  
> the county was  
> predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> years, many people have  
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> County, preferring to  
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
>  
> What political party is Perez with? How political is  
> he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?

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> Who  
> appointed Perez?  
>  
> As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked  
> off Tova's list?  
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> Job  
>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO  
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum

>

> Here' s his info in full:

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> [REDACTED]

> l

>

> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for

> the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

>

> His contact and mailing info is:

>

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

>

> Suite 400

> Washington, DC 20005

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> Tova Andrea Wang

> Democracy Fellow

> The Century Foundation

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> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> Visit our Web site, <[REDACTED]> />  
> [REDACTED] for the latest news,  
> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.  
>  
> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace  
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---  
> Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Good News  
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>  
> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition  
> today after surgery.  
>  
> See:  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Job:  
> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going  
> > to  
> > talk with the Chairman  
> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do  
> > you have contact  
> > information for Rogers? --- Peggy  
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**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

The non-election officials on the Working Group currently include:

- Barry Weinberg, whom you know
- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (organization associated with the Voting Rights Project and Election Protection)
- Bob Bauer, Perkins Coie, DC (Democrat attorney)
- Mark "Thor" Hearne, Lathrop & Gage, St Louis, MO (Republican attorney)

I am trying to recruit one other Republican attorney, Patrick Rogers, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris and Sisk, NM, who was recommended by our Republican consultant. He would replace an original member who is no longer available.

I know that Barbara has associated at conferences and in legislative efforts with Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Also, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights is listed as on of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see [http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive\\_commitee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_commitee.html)).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

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Subject

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Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig

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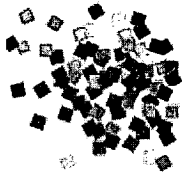
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working Group Travel

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
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05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO  
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must

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take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.  
> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be

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> > Job:  
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> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> >  
> > Peggy:  
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> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
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> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > > it  
> > > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > > out  
> > > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[Redacted]>  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
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> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
>  
> Job  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> > got to pick three  
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> > guidance regarding this  
> > particular member follows:  
> >  
> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
> >  
> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> > Tova's  
> > pick.  
> >  
> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>, psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
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>>>> He is the Director of the Voting Rights

> Project

>>> for

>>>> the Lawyers Committee

>>>> for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> Barbara

>>>> Arnwine, the Executive

>>>> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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>>>> His contact and mailing info is:

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>>>> [Redacted]

>>>> [Redacted]

>>>> [Redacted]

>>>> Washington, DC 20005

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>>>> Tova Andrea Wang

>>>> Democracy Fellow

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

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Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:41 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

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"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Working Group

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Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 03:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I have placed another call to his office (after one previous call to his assistant and an email to him). I, too, am concerned about our dwindling chances. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Given the short time period, you may want to give Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer our chances are of getting Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 02:33 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

The bio for JR Perez tells us very little about him and there is pretty much nothing about him on the web. Can you tell us more about him and how you decided on him? Thanks. Tova

----- Original Message -----

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

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05/10/2006 10:27 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

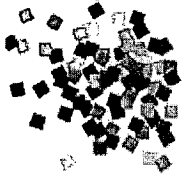
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Subject Re: Court reporter 

Thanks for checking this out for me, Devon. I've asked Tom if there are funds available for this service. Our consultants were very enthusiastic about the idea. --- Peg

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:26 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy,

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Can I help on this working group?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, rmartinez@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Good News

Job:

Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to talk with the Chairman today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do you have contact information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 05:20 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject

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RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

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05/12/2006 01:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition [REDACTED]

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: invoice [REDACTED]

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

- (1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and
- (2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:10 PM

To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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05/06/2006 08:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

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Please respond to  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

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Are you available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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To: Margaret Sims  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/27/2006 09:13 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Unfortunately, I have to get the Working Group together before then, so that my consultants can prepare the final report before June. (In June, I lose one of them to State employment.) In understand about the crammed schedule. This month and next are chock full.

Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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>

04/26/2006 09:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

How about we meld this wit the EAC Board of Advisors meeting? I just got tagged to be parliamentarian --

We could attend to your folks whike I arbitrate a food fight!!!!

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:  
Are yu available any days in the third week of May?

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Peggy

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

Donsanto lists four types of election fraud: schemes to purposely and corruptly register voters who either do not exist, or who are known by the putative defendant to be ineligible to vote under applicable state law; schemes to cast, record or fraudulently tabulate votes for voters who do not participate in the voting act at all; schemes to corrupt the voting act of voters who do participate in the voting act to a limited extent; and, schemes to knowingly prevent voters qualified voters from voting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> When I opened the attachment, I still had problems  
> with the 4th paragraph.  
> Would you please just send me that paragraph within  
> the text of your  
> email so that I can paste it into the document? ---  
> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/11/2006 03:49 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

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Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy Sims  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Question


Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. ---  
Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

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(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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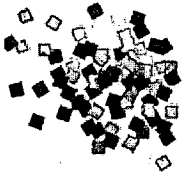
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

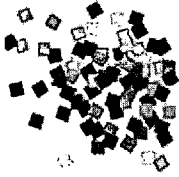
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:  
Title:  
Entity for whom you work:  
Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:  
Work Telephone:  
Fax Number:  
Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> conduct the Working  
> Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> in  
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> money  
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> for  
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> for  
> this working group meeting to take place in person.  
> It  
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by  
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> the  
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
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> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Hi, Folks:  
> >  
> > Teleconference  
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > please suggest another  
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > preparations for the  
> > Working Group meeting.  
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> >  
> > Peggy  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang <[redacted]> wrote:

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have  
> already established we are  
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about  
> Ginsburg yet anyway,  
> right?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: [redacted]  
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang <[redacted]> wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:

> >

> >

[redacted]

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

>

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>

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

>

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to

> > find a nonpartisan

> > local election official to serve on the Working

> > Group. The three of us

> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.

> > I

> > proposed that I find

> > someone from Texas because of that State's

> > colorful

> > history of voting

> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat

> > it.

> > In those Texas

> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run

> > elections, rather than

> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for

> > voter registration;

> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> > Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> > The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> > plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> > Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> > Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> > that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> > the  
> > county had over 65

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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> > --- Peggy

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group

> > Peggy:

> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?

> > Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning? †

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > >  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Suite 400

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**Teleconference**

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Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [redacted]

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Cc: [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

Subject: Working Group

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

> To  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
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> > [REDACTED]  
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> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
> >  
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> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
P [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

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05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

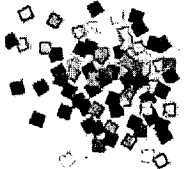
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson [redacted]  
barnwine [redacted]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted] dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
[Redacted]  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> > tomorrow. Depositions all  
> > day today. Thanks, Pat


> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> > [REDACTED]  
> > P.O. Box 2168  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Job Serebrov [mailto:

> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM

> > To: Patrick J. Rogers

> > Subject: Working Group meeting

> > Pat:

> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> > project is scheduled for  
> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> > Could you come? If so,  
> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

> > Regards,

> > Job

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"Tova Wang"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
 cc psims@eac.gov  
 Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
<[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation [icon]

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition

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> This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets  
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> Tova's response we will need to have a  
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> need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> > I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud

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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
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> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,

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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
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> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[Redacted]

P.O. Box 2168

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
- > to be the best
- > possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
- > available to attend in
- > person that day (he is available only 2 days during
- > the first three weeks
- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
- > availability of Secretary
- > Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
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- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**Subject:** research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

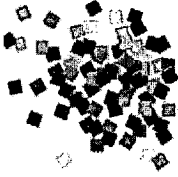
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"



To dromig@eac.gov  
cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM  
**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group



I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To: dromig@eac.gov  
cc: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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[REDACTED]  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To: psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc: dromig@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears to be the best possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not available to attend in person that day (he is available only 2 days during the first three weeks of May). We won't have confirmation of the availability of Secretary Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.

I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can schedule a teleconference on Monday afternoon. ---  
Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/04/2006 02:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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[REDACTED]  
05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?  
>  
> J~

> --- [REDACTED] wrote:

>  
>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

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cc

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Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

[REDACTED]

He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara Arnwine, the Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee.

His contact and mailing info is:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

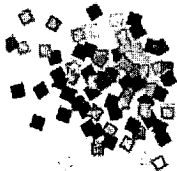
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC. Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.


Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group 

Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 4 1/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
--- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [Redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group



Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile

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>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
>  
>  
>  
>

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Latham  
>  
>  
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>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
>  
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>


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Update 

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----


Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: < [REDACTED] >

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
> Tova:  
>  
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy  
>  
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
>

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John Tanner Comments

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100

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"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
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cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

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Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy


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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy


Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To artslevine@yahoo.com

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Re: Interview Request 



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cc: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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"Wendy Weiser"

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To bwhitener@eac.gov  
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Sincerely,

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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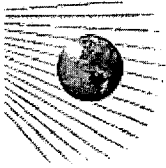
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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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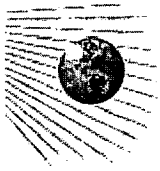
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to given on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 11:42 AM

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08/22/2006 02:09 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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08/22/2006 12:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov  
cc "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
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Subject Does EAC have access to stats on --

-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy


Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 


So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 


Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
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"Carrera, James A" <[REDACTED]>

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

[REDACTED]

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study


Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
[REDACTED]  
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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website  
[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

Art Levine  
Senior Fellow  
Progressive Poliy Institute  
[REDACTED]  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
[REDACTED]  
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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

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"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

**To:** "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

Visit our Web site [REDACTED] for the latest news, analysis, opinions, and events.

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, Doug Chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 04:37 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My intial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff.  
I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now.  
Both research projects were desgined to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewd.  
As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioers but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bryan Whitener

**Sent:** 09/22/2006 05:10 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour

**Cc:** Jeannie Layson

**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.


(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.  
We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.  
Thanks for your help.  
Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,  
A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



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Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 10:32 AM

To [REDACTED]

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cc  
Subject today's posting

Dan,


Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:26 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc ggilmour@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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10/12/2006 04:14 PM

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cc  
Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
  
  


deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?

Is it a report or just a staff document ?

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?

If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

Art Levine  
Senior Fellow  
Progressive Poliy Institute

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

Paul DeGregorio  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/27/2006 12:18 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov  
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Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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klyndyson@eac.gov  
Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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10/12/2006 01:18 PM

To [twilkey@eac.gov](mailto:twilkey@eac.gov)

cc [klyndyson@eac.gov](mailto:klyndyson@eac.gov), [jthompson@eac.gov](mailto:jthompson@eac.gov),  
[ggilmour@eac.gov](mailto:ggilmour@eac.gov), [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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10/13/2006 04:18 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.

--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM ---

"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc



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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along.

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Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/26/2006 12:50 PM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/26/2006 12:48 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:36 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, twilkey@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:39 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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cc

Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

:-)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 05:24 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 05:14 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 04:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject tova

See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2007 04:27 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Project Emails

I think the attached emails are the ones missing from the last batch. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
02/12/2007 02:01 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099 

Job:

The 1099 appears to be correct based on records from the Finance Office. Apparently, the amount includes all but the first two payments made to you under the contracts, based on *when* the payment was processed by GSA (see attached spreadsheet). --- Peggy



GSA List of Job Serebrov payment for Year 2006.xls

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Julie just forwarded your inquiry. That figure  
> looks too high to me, too!  
> I'll check with our finance folks next Monday to

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> find out what happened.  
> Hope all is well with you.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 02/09/2007 05:33 PM  
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> To  
> "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> 1099  
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> Julie:  
>  
> I received my 1099 and the figure looks too high. It  
> is listed at \$58,065.35. Can you check on this?  
>  
> Job  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 04:22 PM -----

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

03/08/2007 02:28 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Deobligation

Peggy:

To the best of my knowledge, there is no activity on these 2 contracts. Please confirm if it is OK to deobligate these funds. Thank you.

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
03/09/2007 02:47 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 03/09/2007 02:29 PM -----



"Dan Seligson"

03/09/2007 02:26 PM

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,  
Dan

Daniel Seligson  
editor

Washington, DC 20004

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
03/13/2007 02:31 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc ddavidson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
03/13/2007 02:25 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

04/02/2007 11:29 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Swolson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: 

The info that is on the website should be everything that you and she need. If you have trouble locating that info, Jeannie can probably direct you to where you can find it.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Karen Lynn-Dyson

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Karen Lynn-Dyson

**Sent:** 04/02/2007 11:02 AM EDT

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Cc:** Juliet Hodgkins; stephanie.wolson@gmail.com

Peg-

This week Heather Moss, a research intern will be starting with us. Heather is presently in law school and worked for DOJ in the Voting Rights Division for four years. Heather's primary responsibility (for the next month or so) will be helping us develop the follow-on research project for the Election Crimes study.

Also as an FYI- Commissioner Hunter and her Special Assistant, Stephanie Wolson have expressed an interest in working closely with staff on this project.

I would like to schedule a call/meeting for later on this week so that everyone can be brought up to speed on this work.

In preparation for this meeting I would like to give Heather the project materials which Job and Tova worked on and any relevant material you may have .

Could you direct me to these files so that Heather may begin her work on this project? Could you also let me know dates and times this week that might work for you?

Thanks

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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04/03/2007 06:22 PM

cc jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

04/03/2007 05:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go [here](#) for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 05:08 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Most of the working files for this project are in a red folder sitting on my window sill; but I have some individual files in manila folders for Job and Tova propped upright on my desk next to the computer. Isn't this something that can wait until Monday? --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

**Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 04:42 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Where are your working files maintained?

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 04/13/2007 04:27 PM EDT

**To:** Edgardo Cortes

**Subject:** Re: Working group meeting transcript

I don't maintain "official" contract files, just working copies (and I am missing a copy of one of Tova's contracts). The official files should be with the other official EAC contract files. There were 4 personal services contracts between Tova and Job. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

**Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

They are also requesting copies of the signed contracts. Where are your official contract files for that contract? Let me know where they are and I will pull them to give Gavin the copies so he can review for releasability. Thanks!

Edgardo Cortés

Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 01:04 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

There is only one transcript. In addition to the electronic copy, I have a hard copy in the file. Job Serebrov submitted one correction related to the information reported on his background, not the study. Otherwise, the transcript has NOT been reviewed for accuracy and we have not released copies to anyone but our consultants. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Subject Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

Is the transcript contained in T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group the only transcript that exists for that working group? Did you ever review it for accuracy? Has it been released to anyone previously? We've had a request from Todd Rokita's office for a copy and I want to be sure we are sending the correct file. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/16/2007 04:01 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request 

Gavin:

For the most part, the appendices published on our website appear to be cleaned up versions of what was on the CD. One big exception: the appendices do not include the charts of Nexis articles reviewed, which were on the CD. Also, I can't tell at a glance if all of the case law charts were put on the website. ---

Peggy

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

04/16/2007 03:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request 

Is this the same thing (with subsequent research collected) that appears in the 4 appendix to the final report as posted on our website?

GG

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04/16/2007 02:18 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request 

Gavin:

We put the bulk of the raw research, as it stood just prior to the Working Group meeting, on a CD that was included in the folder provided to all meeting participants. You can access the contents that we put on the

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believe you can find it at the following link:

[attachment "20070411voters\_draft\_report.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

I will need to get back with you regarding the Contract Employees scope of work.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:27 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Vote fraud report 

As far as I know, you are absolutely correct! Julie did the bulk of the rewrite and used my analyses of the preliminary info submitted by our contractors. I know that I had no contact with the administration regarding this study. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
jthompson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Vote fraud report

The St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote an editorial that said the administration edited our report. I am almost absolutely sure that is not true, but I wanted to confirm that with you before I request a correction. Thanks.

Jeannie Layson

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04/17/2007 03:18 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Need emails 


Julie:


The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2007 03:07 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

  
10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov   
cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparege our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

04/17/2007 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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04/18/2007 05:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia." Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

*2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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04/18/2007 12:17 PM

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Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Need your help ASAP

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Peg,

If possible, I need answers for these questions in reference to the vote fraud/voter intimidation project by 2 p.m. today for an inquiry for Congressional Quarterly:

1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?
2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen  
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Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
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> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > > it  
> > > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > > per  
> > > mile  
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> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > > out  
> > > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
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> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
>  
> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> > got to pick three  
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> > guidance regarding this  
> > particular member follows:  
> >  
> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
> >  
> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> > Tova's  
> > pick.  
> >  
> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>, psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
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>>>> He is the Director of the Voting Rights  
> Project  
>>> for  
>>>> the Lawyers Committee  
>>>> for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
>> Barbara  
>>>> Arnwine, the Executive  
>>>> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

>>>> His contact and mailing info is:

>>>> [REDACTED]

>>>> [REDACTED]

>>>> Suite 400  
>>>> Washington, DC 20005

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>>>> Tova Andrea Wang  
>>>> Democracy Fellow  
>>>> The Century Foundation

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>>>> analysis, opinions, and events.

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition [REDACTED]

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
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05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

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To "Job Serebrov"

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Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I have placed another call to his office (after one previous call to his assistant and an email to him). I, too, am concerned about our dwindling chances. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



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 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Given the short time period, you may want to give Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer our chances are of getting Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
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"Tova Wang"  
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04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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[REDACTED]  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

The bio for JR Perez tells us very little about him and there is pretty much nothing about him on the web. Can you tell us more about him and how you decided on him? Thanks. Tova

----- Original Message -----

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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Court reporter 

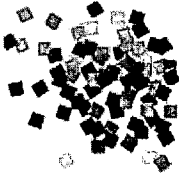
Thanks for checking this out for me, Devon. I've asked Tom if there are funds available for this service. Our consultants were very enthusiastic about the idea. --- Peg

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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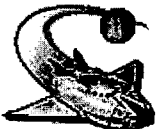
cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



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bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

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To Job Serebrov  
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Subject Good News

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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To "Tova Wang" 

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Subject RE: Fraud Definition 

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>



"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
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Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: invoice 

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

- (1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and
- (2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:10 PM

To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serabroy"

[Redacted]

05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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[Redacted]

05/06/2006 08:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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05/04/2006 08:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: wg

Thats great news. What happens with respect to hotels? Should I make my own arrangements? I expect Job and I will want to stay the nights of the 17th and 18th. Thanks Pegs. And congratulations.

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To:

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 5:47 PM

Subject: Re: wg

- >
- > Tova:
- >
- > Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not
- > disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a
- > replacement for Norcross.
- >
- > Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be
- > unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that
- > morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and
- > Job
- > regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy
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Are you available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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04/27/2006 09:13 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Unfortunately, I have to get the Working Group together before then, so that my consultants can prepare the final report before June. (In June, I lose one of them to State employment.) In understand about the crammed schedule. This month and next are chock full.

Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

04/26/2006 09:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

How about we meld this wit the EAC Board of Advisors meeting? I just got tagged to be parliamentarian --

We could attend to your folks whike I arbitrate a food fight!!!!

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

Are yu available any days in the third week of May?

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Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary

Donsanto lists four types of election fraud: schemes to purposely and corruptly register voters who either do not exist, or who are known by the putative defendant to be ineligible to vote under applicable state law; schemes to cast, record or fraudulently tabulate votes for voters who do not participate in the voting act at all; schemes to corrupt the voting act of voters who do participate in the voting act to a limited extent; and, schemes to knowingly prevent voters qualified voters from voting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> When I opened the attachment, I still had problems  
> with the 4th paragraph.  
> Would you please just send me that paragraph within  
> the text of your  
> email so that I can paste it into the document? ---  
> Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:49 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  
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Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Conference Call 📎

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If 'Yes', check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov,  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:  
>  
> As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears  
> to be the best  
> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not  
> available to attend in  
> person that day (he is available only 2 days during  
> the first three weeks  
> of May). We won't have confirmation of the  
> availability of Secretary  
> Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.  
>  
> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----

**"Job Serebrov"**

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs



Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be  
> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.  
>  
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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>  
> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose  
> money.  
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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
> >  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >

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> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> it  
> > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> out  
> > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground

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> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Literature Summary

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

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[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:45 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net; psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum

>

> Here's his info in full:

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> [REDACTED]

>

> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> His contact and mailing info is:

>

> [REDACTED]

>

> [REDACTED]

>

> Washington, DC 20005

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> Democracy Fellow

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"Job Serebrov"



05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov"   
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez [REDACTED]

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5\_5\_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez  
Elections Administrator  
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---  
Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

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said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group List

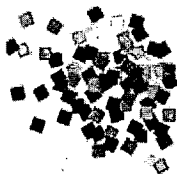
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working  
> Group members. I need  
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the  
> day, and have not heard  
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a  
> vacancy, or list Norcross  
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a  
> substitute, we can always  
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo\\_landing.html?category=sweet\\_sleeper](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper)

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang

[REDACTED]  
New York, NY 10023

[REDACTED]

(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov

[REDACTED]

Little Rock, AR 72206

[REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell phone 917-656-7905. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

001960



**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

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(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

  
04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: interview analysis

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 01:49 PM

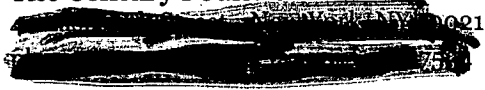
To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED]  
Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

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Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

To [Redacted]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy



05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebroy" [Redacted]

To

001963



05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have placed another call to his office (after one  
> previous call to his  
> assistant and an email to him). I, too, am  
> concerned about our dwindling  
> chances. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Fraud Definition

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> Given the short time period, you may want to give  
> Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer  
> our chances are of getting Braden.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>

> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have

> > received a "No" from

> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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> > To

> > psims@eac.gov

> > cc

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> > Subject

> > Re: Fraud Definition

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> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,  
> > the  
> > > WG will have  
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you  
> > and  
> > > Tova containing the  
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > > sent anything yet  
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > > inclusion. (Still  
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> > >  
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > > very short meeting after  
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference  
> > the  
> > > following Monday  
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll  
> > be  
> > > out of the office  
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin  
> > that  
> > > day. --- Peggy  
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> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > > cc  
> > >  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> > > packets  
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure  
> > > with  
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a  
> > > teleconference  
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We

001965





Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 11:51 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need  
> to know as we continue  
> our search.) -- Peg  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Update  
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> Peggy:  
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> Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move  
> on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still  
> no  
> good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not  
> workable.  
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> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative

> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:

> > [REDACTED]  
> > <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2009website/about-us/>

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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > His contact and mailing info is:

> > [REDACTED]  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005

> > Tova Andrea Wang  
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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
>  
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> tomorrow. Depositions all  
> day today. Thanks, Pat  
>  
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?  
>  
>  
> Patrick J. Rogers  
> [REDACTED]

001976

> P. [REDACTED] 0160  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> Tel: [REDACTED] 505-946-3889  
> [REDACTED] 505-946-3881  
>  
>  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> Subject: Working Group meeting

> Pat:  
>  
> The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> project is scheduled for  
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> Could you come? If so,  
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

> Regards,  
>  
> Job  
>

-----  
> [REDACTED] Special Agent, Rocky Harris  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

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--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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[Redacted]

05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel [icon]

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM

To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually lose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have placed 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
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"Job Serebroy"

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

501-626-0440

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"



[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Material I may not have included

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat2.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"



05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

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> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

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> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY

> ELECTION COMMISSION.

> (a) The position of county elections

> administrator is filled by

> appointment of the county election commission, which

> consists of:

> (1) the county judge, as chair;

> (2) the county clerk, as vice

> chair;

> (3) the county tax

> assessor-collector, as secretary; and

> (4) the county chair of each

> political party that made

> nominations by primary election for the last general

> election for state

> and county officers preceding the date of the

> meeting at which the

> appointment is made.

> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of

> the commission's

> membership is necessary for the appointment of an

> administrator.

> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a

> written resolution or

> order signed by the number of commission members

> necessary to make the

> appointment. Not later than the third day after the

> date an administrator

> is appointed, the officer who presided at the

> meeting shall file a signed

> copy of the resolution or order with the county

> clerk. Not later than the

> third day after the date the copy is filed, the

> county clerk shall deliver

> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the

> secretary of state.

> (d) The initial appointment may be made at

> any time after the

> adoption of the order creating the position.

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> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

> (a) A county elections administrator may

> not be a candidate for a

> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or  
> hold an office of or position in a political party.  
> At the time an  
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an  
> office or position in  
> violation of this subsection, the administrator  
> vacates the position of  
> administrator.  
> (b) A county elections administrator  
> commits an offense if the  
> administrator makes a political contribution or  
> political expenditure, as  
> defined by the law regulating political funds and  
> campaigns, or publicly  
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or  
> a measure to be voted  
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection  
> is a Class A  
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the  
> administrator's employment is  
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible  
> for future appointment  
> as county elections administrator.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> The code attachment did not work that is what I  
> meant  
> by it did not come through.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy  
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> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> > a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> > would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> > and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> > in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> > party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

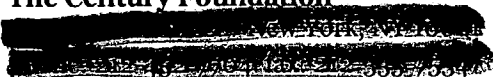
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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy




Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
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--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
- > got to pick three
- > members of the Working Group. The Commission
- > guidance regarding this
- > particular member follows:
- >
- > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
- > sectors - 2 to be chosen by
- > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
- >
- > This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
- > pick.
- >
- > As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
- > for Norcross. If
- > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
- > includes public
- > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
- > not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

>

> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative

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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > subject  
> > Re: new working group representative

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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with

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> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> > > is Jon Greenbaum

> > > Here' s his info in full:

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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for

> > > the Lawyers Committee

> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> Barbara

> > > Arnwine, the Executive

> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > > His contact and mailing info is:

> > >

> > > [REDACTED]

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> > > [REDACTED]

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> > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > Tova Andrea Wang

> > > Democracy Fellow

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or 202-566-3105), who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To bginsberg [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: arwine [REDACTED]

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject arwine



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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV  
04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington  
(202) 566-2209

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call 1-866-222-9044.
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

You mentioned that Secretary Grayson may be using a cell phone. Our teleconference provider has given us the following information regarding the use of cell phones during the teleconference:

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If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him at 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free) or 202-566-3126. He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

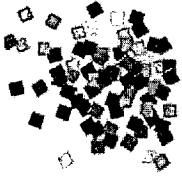
I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?  
>  
> --- Peggy  
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> [REDACTED]  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> donsanto again  
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>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
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> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
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>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 12:24 PM

To Rivers [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/21/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
<SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov>

04/18/2006 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Peggy,

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[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_1/1103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd_bbs_1/1103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

Sarah Ball Johnson  
Executive Director

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State Board of Elections  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] cortes@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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cc  
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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
<SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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<SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov>  
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To psims@eac.gov

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[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

Sarah Ball Johnson  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 4:34 PM

**To:** Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)

**Co:** [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

002003

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Thanks, again!

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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cc  
Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
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cc  
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To "Job Serebrov" <[Redacted]> "Tova Andrea Wang" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV  
04/18/2006 11:38 AM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

002006

04/18/2006 10:13 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

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202-566-3126 direct  
202-566-3127 fax  
ecortes@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To sarahball.johnson@ky.gov  
cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
 cc  
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Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

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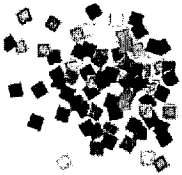
Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rivers@BlankRome.com  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

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Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"  
04/21/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject case charts 2

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"Tova Wang"  
04/21/2006 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov"  
Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

04/21/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]

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Subject methodology review

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]

cc

Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 12:13 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

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And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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04/21/2006 11:17 AM

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Subject job's case charts 1

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

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[REDACTED]  
04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Interviews

002015





Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM ---

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?

> --- Peggy

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> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

002016

> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
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>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

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ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

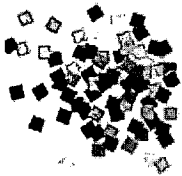
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwords, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job  
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the  
> following files that appear  
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?  
> --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov

"Tova Wang"

Subject list of interviewees

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Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/05/2006 12:56 PM

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham


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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

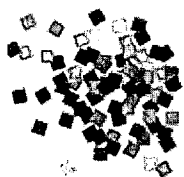
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"

<marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

>

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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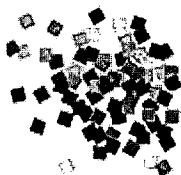
that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project.  
I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM .

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project

> > > for

> > > the Lawyers Committee

> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> Barbara

> > > Arnwine, the Executive

> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > > His contact and mailing info is:

> > >

> > > [REDACTED]

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> > > [REDACTED]

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> > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > Tova Andrea Wang

> > > Democracy Fellow

> > > The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]> Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:38 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

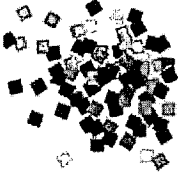
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pegasims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebrov"



05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
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> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
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> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
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> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing

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> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
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> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

**Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals**

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

**Open Investigations** (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To [redacted]

cc [redacted]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. --- Peggy



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To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time,

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject gao report

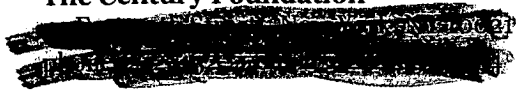
This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we

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> could talk then?  
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> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
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> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> [REDACTED]  
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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.

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> > Peggy  
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06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

To: [redacted]; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job

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> --- [redacted] wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

>> To: "Tova Wang" [redacted]

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

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>> >> Hi Job,

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>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work  
>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
>> done.  
>> >> Would it be possible  
>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your  
>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
>> your  
>> >> time on Wednesday?  
>> >> Thanks.  
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>> >> Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc: [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peg:

I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take time during the work day for telephone conferences. As I told you I will need to finish this project after daily working hours. I am still getting things done from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's

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recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. ---

> Peggy

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> [REDACTED]

> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM

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> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: [REDACTED]

> Cc: [REDACTED]

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an

> > electronic copy. If we

> > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and email

> > it to the two of you.

> > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a brief

> > teleconference? I

> > really can't do it before then because of other

> > commitments. --- Peggy

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> psims@eac.gov

[REDACTED]

06/08/2006 09:42 To

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> >> Hi, Whats going on? I have not received  
> responses from either one of  
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> >> in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next  
> two weeks if we can.  
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> >> you get my recommendations? Thanks.  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

  
06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc


Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/08/2006 05:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

  
cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference 

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peg:

I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take time during the work day for telephone conferences. As I told you I will need to finish this project after daily working hours. I am still getting things done from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. ---

> Peggy

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> [REDACTED]

> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> [REDACTED]

> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> >>  
> >> Sorry. We have been swamped with other program  
> activities and  
> >> preparations  
> >> for today's testimony before House Admin. We  
> have not yet received the  
> >> transcript of the Working Group session. Devon  
> checked with the court  
> >> reporter, who said it will be delivered today.  
> --- Peggy  
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> >> [REDACTED]  
> >> 06/08/2006 09:15 To  
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> psims@eac.gov  
> >> cc  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peggy:

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> I can't predict when I get home but it is between

> 5:30

> and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late

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> have a teleconference.

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> I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend

> and work on my own as well as expanding the

> explanation of the case section.

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> Please see what your financial officer did with

> regards to my travel.

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> Thank you,

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> > our Financial Officer

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> > your actual total travel costs are less than the

> > estimated total travel

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> > costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> > expensive hotels, and  
> > received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead  
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> > received a response from her and she has been out  
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> > this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> > --- Peggy

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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[REDACTED]  
06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: teleconference

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED] <psims@eac.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM  
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job

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> --- [REDACTED] wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>> To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM  
>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> >> Thanks.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 01:24 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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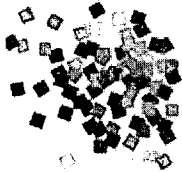
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"

[REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang"

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
 > next week good for you  
 > two?  
 > Peggy  
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 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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06/22/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

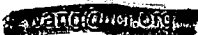
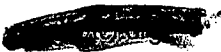
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:19 PM

To [REDACTED]  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject Re: teleconference [REDACTED]

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy



To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

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06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

>

> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

>

> Job

>

> --- [REDACTED] wrote:

>

>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> To: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

>>

>>

>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

>> >

>> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>> >

>> >> Hi Job,

>> >>

>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the  
>> >> transcript early next week.

>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work

>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
>> >> done.

>> >> Would it be possible

>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your

>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
>> >> your

>> >> time on Wednesday?

>> >> Thanks.

>> >>

>> >> Tova

>> >>

>> >> Tova Andrea Wang

>> >> Democracy Fellow

>> >> The Century Foundation

>> >> [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM To Diana Scott  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted] To psims@eac.gov  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM cc  
Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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"Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
>  
06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM

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06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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To: [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Tova Andrea Wang"  
> [REDACTED]

> Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:21 PM  
> Subject: Re: Teleconference

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition!

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
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"Tova Wang"

06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

I am sorry, but I have to postpone the teleconference originally scheduled for this evening. Is another day this week or early next week good for you two? Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

--- Tova Wang wrote:

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> here, finally, are the

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we  
> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM  
To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]; psims@eac.gov  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- [REDACTED] wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <wang@tcf.org>

> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"

> [REDACTED]<

> Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

>

>

> > That would be great on the contract.

> >

> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very

> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.

> I know you don't want

> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,

> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to

> talk to you and Tom and any

> > of the commissioners about this further if that

> would be helpful. I am

> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
> >  
> >  
> >> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one  
> > I did attend, but I  
> >> agree the issue is taking up too much of your  
> > time. I just wanted you to  
> >> be forewarned that the paragraph has already  
> > raised red flags in DC of and  
> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> > about that.  
> >>  
> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> > this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> > Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> > and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> > other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> > contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> > we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
> >>  
> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
> >>  
> >>  
> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> > some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> > We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> > (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
> >>  
> >> Job  
> >>  
> >>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg




EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM


To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 


Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"   
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM ---



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

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> The Century Foundation  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]

cc serebroy@socialnet [redacted]

Subject Re: invoice [redacted]

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang" [redacted]

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebroy" [redacted]

06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To [redacted] psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" wang@ [redacted]

Subject Re: Various

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

--- [REDACTED] wrote:

> That would be great on the contract.  
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> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I  
> know you don't want to  
> spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue, and  
> I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to  
> you and Tom and any of  
> the commissioners about this further if that would  
> be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the  
> office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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> finish this off properly.

> > Peg

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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> > From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> > Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> > To: psims@eac.gov; [redacted]  
> > Subject: Various  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: outline of final report [REDACTED]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

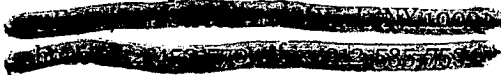


"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject outline of final report

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 07:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM —



"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

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Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Re: donsanto interview

Tova and Job:

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It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang

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for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

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Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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06/29/2006 05:31 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].AL>

cc, serebry@[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview [REDACTED]

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/29/2006 01:24 PM

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [\[redacted\]](#)

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; [redacted]  
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Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]  
06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:jserebrov@eac.gov]

> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

> To: psims@eac.gov; [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" <[REDACTED]>

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To [REDACTED]@marg.sims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: definition


I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang, [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is this OK now?  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"

 >  
06/26/2006 06:52 PM

To: , psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: Methodology for Cases



Methodology for Case Review.doc


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject: Re: US News & World Report inquiry 

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?
2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?
3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)

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"Tova Wang"

06/27/2006 01:31 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject definition

Is this OK now?

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"Tova Wang"

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject donsanto interview

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Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/29/2006 01:00 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] Job  
Serebrov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Re: donsanto interview [REDACTED]

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

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coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
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cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
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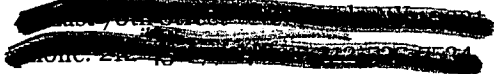
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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]

>> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds



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Job

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy




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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Various 

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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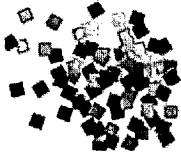
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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[REDACTED]

07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc: [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

002111



The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang [REDACTED]"

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED] AL

Subject Re: Travel Funds 

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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07/03/2006 11:11 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
OV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

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07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/11/2006 09:26 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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07/10/2006 02:29 PM

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07/03/2006 11:38 AM  
To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject Fw: methodology

Please edit the attached Word document to remove the returns at the end of each line that are not needed, then send it to Tova and Job. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:37 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:25 PM  
To "Tova Wang" wang@t...  
cc ...  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

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Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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>  
> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

>  
> Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

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>  
>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

>>  
>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg  
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>> -----  
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>>  
>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
>> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
>> Subject: Various

>>  
>> Peg:  
>>  
>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>  
>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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>> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report [REDACTED]

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

"Tova Wang"



002124



[Redacted]  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [Redacted]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

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not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?  
> Peggy

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM  
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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

002126



"Tova Wang"  
 [Redacted]  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

[REDACTED]

07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

[REDACTED]

Subject

Re: FW: methodology

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject  
FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs

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> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
>  
> Tova, Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: final report

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher today, signed it, and gave it to Finance. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 12:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report 

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is

[REDACTED] Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov', [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
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07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow

**The Century Foundation**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
phone: 212-405-5000

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/19/2006 11:23 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher this morning, signed it, and submitted it to Finance. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO V 07/17/2006 10:18 AM	To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC cc Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report
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That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV 07/17/2006 10:15 AM	To jthompson@eac.gov cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report
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Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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tel:202-566-3123

----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 07/28/2006 09:27 AM -----



"Melissa Slemin"

[Redacted] >  
07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To soverton@[Redacted] dena@[Redacted] net,  
maidenberg@[Redacted] g, "GPM" <[Redacted]>  
"Kristen Engberg" <[Redacted]>  
"Michael Caudell-Feagan" <[Redacted]>  
"Daniel Tokaji" <[Redacted]>  
"Charles Stewart III" <[Redacted]>  
Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, tman@[Redacted]

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Election Fraud Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah and the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, September 29-30, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Regards,  
Melissa Slemin

+++++  
California Institute of Technology  
Voting Technology Project  
MC 228-77  
1200 E California Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91125  
[Redacted]



<http://votingtechnologyproject.org> NonPres-memo.pdf

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]  
07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To [Redacted] psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

There was no telephone conference scheduled yesterday. If you all remember, due to my current job and grandchildren situation we were unable to arrange a teleconference.

--- [Redacted] wrote:

> Whats going on? Where are we at? Thanks. Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]; "Job  
> Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 5:14 PM  
> Subject: No teleconference today  
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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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[REDACTED]  
07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient;  
cc  
Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

As some of you know, I have decided to voluntarily give up many of my voting rights and become a resident of the District of Columbia. As I will be simply transferring to The Century Foundation's DC office, my email will remain the same ([REDACTED]). My new work contact information as of August 8 is as follows:

The Century Foundation  
[REDACTED]  
Washington, DC 20005  
[REDACTED]

I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM  
To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 04:59 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

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05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

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To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a person just like Perez. However, given this, I would still like to know if he has a party affiliation and this brings up another issue. How is the county election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the

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Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or if he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in his/her stead and a third member picked by the party with the most constitutional officers. Practically that has meant that the Democrats have controlled election commissions in Arkansas since the end of Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the situation in Texas.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
> Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> association of Texas  
> election officials and the two largest organizations  
> of election officials  
> in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The  
> Election Center. He  
> is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> Legislative Committee for the  
> Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> currently serves on  
> IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans  
> the educational  
> sessions for election officials that are conducted

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> at that organization's  
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election  
> Center have selected  
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> his professional  
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.  
> Perez also has access  
> to information from other States through his  
> membership in IACREOT and The  
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> which you will note if you  
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> Elections web site and  
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that  
> might be useful in the  
> upcoming meeting.

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> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the  
> county had over 65  
> thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> doubled the number of  
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's  
> population claims  
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> Census Bureau. The county  
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,  
> Hays, Cladwell,  
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,  
> the county was  
> predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> years, many people have  
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> County, preferring to  
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

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The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel, and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum

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> Here' s his info in full:

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> [REDACTED]

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> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for

> the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> His contact and mailing info is:

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> [REDACTED]

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> [REDACTED]

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> Washington, DC 20005

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> Tova Andrea Wang

> Democracy Fellow

> The Century Foundation

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> 41 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021  
> [REDACTED] 75-7534  
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> Visit our Web site, <[REDACTED]>  
> [REDACTED] for the latest news,  
> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 02:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

\*\* Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.

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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace  
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---

> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject

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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition  
> today after surgery.

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> See:

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> patrogers@modrall.com

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:

> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going  
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> > talk with the Chairman

> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do

> > you have contact

> > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig

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- Barry Weinberg, whom you know
- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (organization associated with the Voting Rights Project and Election Protection)
- Bob Bauer, Perkins Coie, DC (Democrat attorney)
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I am trying to recruit one other Republican attorney, Patrick Rogers, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris and Sisk, NM, who was recommended by our Republican consultant. He would replace an original member who is no longer available.

I know that Barbara has associated at conferences and in legislative efforts with Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Also, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights is listed as one of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see [http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive\\_committee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_committee.html)).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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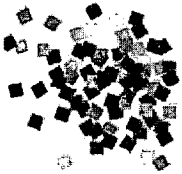
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting 

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

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Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov  
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The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO  
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must

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take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job: \*  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.  
> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be

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> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.  
>  
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

>  
> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

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> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose  
> money.

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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Job  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at



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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3  
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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
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Intimidation: 6  
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Unclear: 3

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject invoice


Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/04/2006 02:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

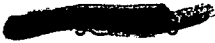
Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.


Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----



  
05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" 

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?

> J~  
>  
> --- [REDACTED]:  
>

>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that therefore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

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Let us know your desires - - -

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
**Importance:** High

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Craig:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile

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>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
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>  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Latham  
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> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Update [REDACTED]

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >  
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [mailto:wang@tcf.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
 Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang  
 Democracy Fellow  
 The Century Foundation  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



[REDACTED]  
 08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.  
 ----- Original Message -----  
**From:** <psims@eac.gov>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: direct deposit

>  
 > Tova:  
 >  
 > I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
 > form you requested. --- Peggy  
 >  
 > (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
 >

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John Tanner Comments

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To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
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Tova Wang.doc

Cameron P. Quinn  
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10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy


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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Interview Request 

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----- Original Message -----

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cc: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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"Wendy Weiser"

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[Redacted]  
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

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cc  
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Sincerely,

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Margaret Sims

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Juliet Hodgkins; Bryan Whitener; Tamar Nedzar  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV



Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 10:20 AM

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**cc:** Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The working group met prior to the meeting of the EAC boards, but too late for its deliberations to be summarized in the written status report on the project that was delivered to the boards. The status report notes that a meeting of the working group was about to be held to review the research so far and make recommendations. ----- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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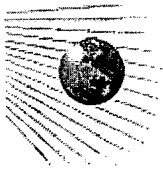
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to give on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 11:42 AM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC

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08/22/2006 02:09 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Peggy -- I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

08/22/2006 12:50 PM

To: psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov  
cc: "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Does EAC have access to stats on --

-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

This message was brought to you by Dr. D's fabulous Blackberry!


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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

10/11/2006 02:37 PM

To: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy


Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc:

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 


So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:26 PM


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cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 


Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/13/2006 01:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
**Cc:** Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding

FYI.

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"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

[REDACTED]

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To Bryan Whitener  
cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



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To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

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ggilmour@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website  
[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

Art Levine  
Senior Fellow  
Progressive Policy Institute  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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10/12/2006 10:59 AM

To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our [Fed. Register notice](#) that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

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08/22/2006 02:44 PM

To "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>,  
"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

**To:** "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

This message was brought to you by Dr. D's fabulous Blackberry!

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"Tova Wang"

10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
<Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

Visit our Web site, [REDACTED], for the latest news, analysis, opinions, and events.

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, Doug Chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioners but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

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**To:** Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour  
**Cc:** Jeannie Layson  
**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.

(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.

We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.

Thanks for your help.

Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,  
A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



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Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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10/12/2006 10:32 AM

To [REDACTED]

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cc  
Subject today's posting

Dan,

Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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10/12/2006 04:26 PM

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Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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Art Levine  


deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?

Is it a report or just a staff document ?

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?

If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News

By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

Paul DeGregorio

Chairman

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Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

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klyndyson@eac.gov  
Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.


Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.

--- Peggy




Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

  
10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, 

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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along.

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Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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To Thomas Wilkey

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Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

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See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 03/09/2007 02:29 PM -----



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To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>

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Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,  
Dan

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

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03/13/2007 02:25 PM

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Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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Subject Re: 

The info that is on the website should be everything that you and she need. If you have trouble locating that info, Jeannie can probably direct you to where you can find it.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Karen Lynn-Dyson

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Karen Lynn-Dyson

**Sent:** 04/02/2007 11:02 AM EDT

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Cc:** Juliet Hodgkins; stephanie.wolson@gmail.com

Peg-

This week Heather Moss, a research intern will be starting with us. Heather is presently in law school and worked for DOJ in the Voting Rights Division for four years. Heather's primary responsibility (for the next month or so) will be helping us develop the follow- on research project for the Election Crimes study.

Also as an FYI- Commissioner Hunter and her Special Assistant, Stephanie Wolson have expressed an interest in working closely with staff on this project.

I would like to schedule a call/meeting for later on this week so that everyone can be brought up to speed on this work.

In preparation for this meeting I would like to give Heather the project materials which Job and Tova worked on and any relevant material you may have .

Could you direct me to these files so that Heather may begin her work on this project? Could you also let me know dates and times this week that might work for you?

Thanks

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Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

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04/03/2007 05:33 PM

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Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go here for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 05:08 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

Most of the working files for this project are in a red folder sitting on my window sill; but I have some individual files in manila folders for Job and Tova propped upright on my desk next to the computer. Isn't this something that can wait until Monday? --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

**Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 04:42 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

Where are your working files maintained?

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 04/13/2007 04:27 PM EDT

**To:** Edgardo Cortes

**Subject:** Re: Working group meeting transcript

I don't maintain "official" contract files, just working copies (and I am missing a copy of one of Tova's contracts). The official files should be with the other official EAC contract files. There were 4 personal services contracts between Tova and Job. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

**Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

Peggy,

They are also requesting copies of the signed contracts. Where are your official contract files for that contract? Let me know where they are and I will pull them to give Gavin the copies so he can review for releasability. Thanks!

Edgardo Cortés

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04/13/2007 01:04 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

There is only one transcript. In addition to the electronic copy, I have a hard copy in the file. Job Serebrov submitted one correction related to the information reported on his background, not the study. Otherwise, the transcript has NOT been reviewed for accuracy and we have not released copies to anyone but our consultants. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
Subject Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

Is the transcript contained in T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group the only transcript that exists for that working group? Did you ever review it for accuracy? Has it been released to anyone previously? We've had a request from Todd Rokita's office for a copy and I want to be sure we are sending the correct file. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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04/17/2007 03:18 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Need emails 

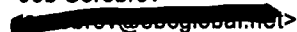
Julie:

The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2007 03:07 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"



10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, 

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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04/17/2007 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R.  
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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia."
- Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

*2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Need your help ASAP

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Peg,

If possible, I need answers for these questions in reference to the vote fraud/voter intimidation project by 2 p.m. today for an inquiry for Congressional Quarterly:

1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?
2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/24/2007 03:57 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov

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Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@century.org~~

08/21/2006 12:16 PM

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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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11/06/2006 11:07 AM

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Subject Re: VF\_VI Literature Review 

Julie:

I have not received the outline, but went ahead with reviewing the literature researched. Attached are my perspectives on what we learned and a listing of the literature with portions of the analysis for each. Both of these documents are on the shared drive under T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Research Summaries. Hope these help. Let me know what else you need from me. --- Peggy



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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name 320-230-0961". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

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DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

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DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

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Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



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I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Julie:

I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

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Subject Revised - Draft - Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

12/06/2006 03:46 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject VF-VI Research Contacts

Bryan:

The two consultants were:

- Tova Wang ( [redacted] )
- Job Serebrov ( [redacted] )

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

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"Bryan Whitener"  
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12/07/2006 02:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

Contact:

Jeannie Layson  
Bryan Whitener  
(202) 566-3100

## EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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12/13/2006 10:14 AM

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
ggilmour@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud research that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
US Election Assistance Commission

### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Subject Re: Rick Hasen response-need your approval

I agree that Jeannie should send the response.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: PFAW Response to EAC Vote Fraud Report 

Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-


I did not have any interaction with this group.

Karen Lynn-Dyson  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Gracia  
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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV  
12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.

Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

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Elle  
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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:54 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: 

I already got one, thanks!

Elle L.K. Kuala  
Special Assistant to the Chair  
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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fw: 1099

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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email: psims@eac.gov

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eaccon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
Office of Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]@m

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:[tsirvello@texas.gov](mailto:tsirvello@texas.gov)]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

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Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [tsirvello@texas.gov](mailto:tsirvello@texas.gov)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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Background

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <[REDACTED]>

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" <tjsthree@msn.com>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. There's no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]> psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].net]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

- > I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?
- > I will be in DC for
- > other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any
- > difference (EAC would not
- > have to pay my transportation if it was on, for
- > example, Monday May 8 or
- > possibly even the 9th) Thanks.
- >
- > Tova Andrea Wang
- > Democracy Fellow
- > The Century Foundation
- > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021
- > [REDACTED]
- >
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@ [REDACTED]>  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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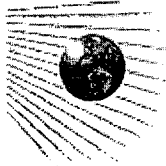
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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"

04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>

04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
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Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
317-232-6536  
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

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"Tova Wang"

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@global.net>, "Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

002301

Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy

cc

Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

~~mailto:twang@eac.gov~~  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@cheatlab.com>

Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

Please review the attached and let me know of any corrections that should be made. Thanks! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
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[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> "Tova Wang"  
<[REDACTED]>  
Subject: doj training materials

Hi Peg,

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Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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Washington, DC 20005  
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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <tjsthree@msn.com>



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
<[REDACTED]>  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.  
Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:tsirvello@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** tsirvello@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

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1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
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The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Good Afternoon Peg,

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Tony

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*Tony*

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED] m

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regreably not public at present.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it  
our in a couple months.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found  
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that  
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our  
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that  
we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled  
"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see  
them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to  
find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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~~wang@tcf~~  
04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----  
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: doj training materials

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy



04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>, "Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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Washington, D.C. 20005  
202.566.3100

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted] >  
04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc

Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted] >  
04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
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> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?  
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> --- Peggy  
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> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
> Subject  
> donsanto again  
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>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
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> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
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>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

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> things have settled down  
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> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
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> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?

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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> > 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Subject  
> > donsanto again  
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<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@pegasaweb.net]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

>  
> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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>  
> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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>  
> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc

> Subject  
> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
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> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

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> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To: psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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[Redacted]  
04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

donsanto again

To  
cc  
Subject

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

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<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

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[REDACTED]  
04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto again

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>



"Job Serebrov"  
<[redacted]>  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [redacted]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
> >  
> > --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
> >  
> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc


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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**


04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" 



**"Weinberg and Utrecht"**

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative 

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---

Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote: ..  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>, psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> >  
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

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> >  
> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> >  
> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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~~http://www. [redacted] /2005webb1ee/about~~  
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> > >  
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> Barbara  
> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > >  
> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
> > >  
> > > ~~[redacted]~~  
> > > ~~[redacted]~~  
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
> > > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> > > ~~[redacted]~~  
> > >  
> > > Visit our Web site, ~~[redacted]~~  
> > > ~~[redacted]~~, for the latest news,  
> > > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" < >



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To 

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

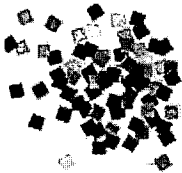
Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
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**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

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I have only one correction:

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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.

> Peggy

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang

> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Cc: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Subject: Fw: research summary

>

> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include

> so as I said I'll just

> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> To: <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM

> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > T~

> >

> > Are you talking about this?

> >

> > J~

> >

> > --- [REDACTED] wrote:

> >

> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that

> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the

> >> existing literature review (that Job, you

> >> approved)

> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go

> >> into the office over the weekend, which is

> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,

> >> I'll

> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to

> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

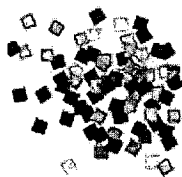
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV


05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To: psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the

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requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to being - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young peop0le may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concerns is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



Working Group Attendees 5-18-06.doc

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

Elle L.K Collver

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Colver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"  
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: press interview

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



**"Tova Wang"**

05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
[REDACTED]

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**"Donsanto, Craig"**

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Campbell, Benton"  
<Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Thank you for this, Peg.

The third bullet point is one I embrace fully. We lack the statutory tool to do the job. Hopefully, that can be remedied through legislation. But as things stand today large loopholes in the federal legal matrix addressing electoral abuse and fraud exist - - particularly when such abuses occur in elections where there were no federal candidates on the ballot.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 8:44 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

### **Existing Research Analysis**

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on BlackBerry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please refresh my memory about the date  
 > ranges used for the  
 > Nexis article research and the case law research?  
 > I'm drawing a blank and  
 > I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this  
 > mornings Commissioner  
 > briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
 > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
 > need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
 > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
 > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
 > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
 > at the office (this afternoon).  
 > Peg

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 > -----  
 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
 > From: "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
 > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
 > To: psims@eac.gov  
 > Subject: Question

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> Peg:  
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> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.  
>  
> Job  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: presentation

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" <wang@eac.gov>



"Tova Wang"

05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

**To:** <wang@eac.gov>

**Subject:** RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

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needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2?

Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: presentation

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

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in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject presentation

How did it go? Were you able to verbally correct that discrepancy we talked about the other day?  
Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC

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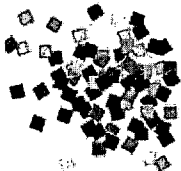
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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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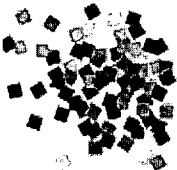
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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg --

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last election cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ----



Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

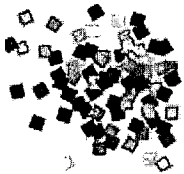
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break

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foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
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To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

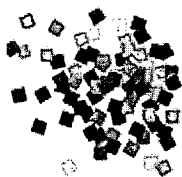
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
Elle

Elle L.K Collver  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:28 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group 


I have arranged for a transcriptionist to be at the meeting but I am not sure about the snacks for the break.

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05/15/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group Link

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Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject working group

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/15/2006 03:52 PM

To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group 

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

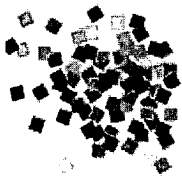
#### Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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"Job Serebrov"

05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To: psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: Re: Payment Vouchers

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> payment vouchers this  
> morning. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 09:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/22/2006 03:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher [REDACTED]

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy



Tova voucher 4-23 --5-20 rev.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM  
**To:** wang@ter.org, sarebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group

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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

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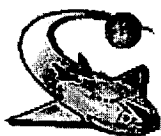
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cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on BlackBerry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
Rbauer@perkinscoie.com <Rbauer@perkinscoie.com>; bginsberg@pattonboggs.com  
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<mhearne@lathropgage.com>; [REDACTED];  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; weinutr@verizon.net <weinutr@verizon.net>  
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;  
bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

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cc  
Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards [REDACTED]

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ----



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attendi the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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EAC Board Status Report.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc

05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006  
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on you odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: presentation [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

This looks fine otherwise, but I'm not sure I understand why you included the attachments you did. They are not really representative of what we did for the project as a whole. The summaries are just meant to supplement the nexis excel charts.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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05/16/2006 03:47 PM

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Subject board of advisers presentation

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05/24/2006 09:14 AM

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cc  
Subject presentation

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectYour Materials

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Peg --

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request -- or routinely receive -- audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [Redacted]

cc

Subject Corrections

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]

cc

Subject RE: Corrections

Should we send all of the interview summaries to the people we interviewed for review then?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** [Redacted]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

It wasn't his mistake. I was there at the interview. I just did not have time to review all of the interview summaries. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]@shcglobal.net>  
cc [REDACTED]@tel.org  
Subject Re: Corrections

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Question

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>  
> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's  
> parking spot?

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I  
> > am  
> > at the office (this afternoon).

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> > Peg  
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> > -----  
> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
> >  
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> >  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> > To: psims@eac.gov  
> > Subject: Question  
> >  
> > Peg:  
> >  
> > Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts,  
> > do  
> > you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> > car  
> > use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have  
> > to  
> > retain food receipts.  
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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:  
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member  
>  
> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.  
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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

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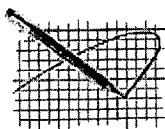
Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group



Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet, it's not the most clear though.

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-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy



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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, weinutr@verizon.net,  
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jrperez50@sbcglobal.net, mhearne@lathropgage.com,  
bginsberg@pattonboggs.com, Rbauer@perkinscoie.com,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org, [REDACTED],  
wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

002400

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@toning@EXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: voucher [REDACTED]

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

"Tova Wang"

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Monday Teleconference



Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@toning@EXTERNAL; [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

~~weinberg@eac.gov~~

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

~~weinutr@verizon.net@GSAEXTERNAL~~

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>

"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

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cc

Subject Re: Your Materials

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

002404

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED] serebrov@chcglobal.net  
Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> I still think its sufficient for him to raise the  
> points verbally. All of  
> the interview summaries reflect what Job and I both  
> understood the  
> interviewees to say. This really opens to the door  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"  
>  
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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
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>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED] >  
05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question

> Peg:

>  
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.

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> Job  
>  
>  
>

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: I'm sorry

Great -- thanks so much and apologies for the false alarm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

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www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

05/15/2006 09:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject RE: I'm sorry

That's good. I'm probably just getting crazy, trying to make sure everything is perfect. Devon, maybe you can check? Otherwise I'll check it when it comes. Thanks. And be well Peg.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:23 AM

**To:** Tova Andrea Wang

**Subject:** Re: I'm sorry

Tova:

I think you did send this --- or is this a revised version of one you sent earlier? It should be on the CD in the packet you should receive today.. (Can't check that right now as I am at the clinic.) If I put anything on the CD that you want to highlight at the meeting, let me know and we'll make copies for those attending.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [redacted]

**Sent:** 05/15/2006 09:07 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Cc:** Devon Romig

**Subject:** I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

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Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
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Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## Existing Research Analysis

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.

- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge  
Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
Vote and African American and challenge  
Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino  
Vote and deny and Hispanic  
Vote and deny and Latino  
Voter and Hispanic and challenge  
Voter and Latino and challenge  
Vote and Hispanic and challenge  
Vote and Latino and challenge  
Election and Hispanic and challenge  
Election and Latino and challenge  
Voter and deny and Native American  
Vote and deny and Native American  
Voter and Native American and challenge  
Vote and Native American and challenge  
Election and Native American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Asian American

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Vote and deny and Asian American  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Vote and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Election and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Indian  
Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging  
Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective

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Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier

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Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive  
Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
Poll inspector and intimidating  
Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
Poll judge and challenge  
Poll judge and intimidate  
Poll judge and intimidating  
Poll judge and intimidation  
Poll judge and abusive  
Poll judge and threatening  
Poll monitor and challenge  
Poll monitor and intimidate  
Poll monitor and intimidating  
Poll monitor and intimidation  
Poll monitor and abusive  
Poll monitor and threatening  
Election judge and challenge  
Election judge and intimidate  
Election judge and intimidating  
Election judge and intimidation  
Election judge and abusive

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Election judge and threatening  
Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
Election monitor and intimidating  
Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
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OK. --- Peg

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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

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Subject RE: Your Materials

Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

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The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

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Topsims@eac.gov  
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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

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Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

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I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

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Identification and selective  
Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud

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Election and official and fraud  
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"Tova Wang"

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Election and stealing

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Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
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05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Coliver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]  
05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To  
cc

Re: Fraud Definition

Subject

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM  
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov,  
[redacted]  
cc  
Subject  
RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act" -----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto  
cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

<[REDACTED]>  
05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Notes

Peggy:

I will not be home from Las Vegas until Saturday. I was given an offer for a career clerking position with a federal judge and accepted. I will be relocating in December.

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff?

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject notes

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Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff? Thanks. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/01/2006 02:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy



VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject notes



Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff?  
Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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wang@cf.org  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



[REDACTED]

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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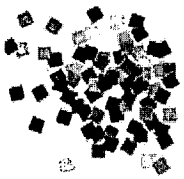
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]



Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

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> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

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> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.  
> As  
> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done  
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and  
> expand on mine this weekend.

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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
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> > Peggy  
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> > [REDACTED]  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
> > > email  
> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
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> > > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peg:

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> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [redacted]  
> Subject  
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> >> 06/08/2006 09:15 To  
> >> AM  
> psims@eac.gov  
> >> cc  
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> Serebrov"  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:s[redacted]]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; [redacted]  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peggy:

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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> > Subject  
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> > > Peggy

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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[REDACTED]  
06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Re: teleconference

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
To: [REDACTED] <psims@eac.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006.10:17 PM  
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:  
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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.  
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> Job  
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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:  
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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?  
>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
>> To: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM  
>> Subject: Re: teleconference  
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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.  
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>> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
>> >  
>> >> Hi Job,  
>> >>  
>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the  
>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work  
>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
>> >> done.  
>> >> Would it be possible  
>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your  
>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
>> >> your  
>> >> time on Wednesday?

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[REDACTED]

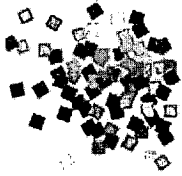
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"  
[REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To bwhitener@eac.gov

>

cc

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
 > next week good for you  
 > two?  
 > Peggy  
 >  
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06/22/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:19 PM

To [redacted]  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
 Subject Re: teleconference

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy



wang@tcf.org

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], psims@eac.gov

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06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

To: <[redacted]>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

>

> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

>

> Job

>

> --- [redacted]

>

>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

>> To: "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

>>

>>

>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

>> >

>> > --- Tova Wang <[redacted]> wrote:

>> >

>> >> Hi Job,

>> >>

>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the  
>> >> transcript early next week.

>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work

>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
>> >> done.

>> >> Would it be possible

>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your

>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
>> >> your

>> >> time on Wednesday?

>> >> Thanks.

>> >>

>> >> Tova

>> >>

>> >> Tova Andrea Wang

>> >> Democracy Fellow

>> >> The Century Foundation

>> >> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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"Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
>  
06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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"Tova Wang"  
<[REDACTED]>  
06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

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"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: nexis

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--- Tova Wang <[redacted]>

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we  
> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
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06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]> "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:[REDACTED]]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"

serebrov@subglobal.net

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To wang@ccf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- [redacted] wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <[redacted]>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> <[redacted]>  
> Cc: "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

>  
>  
> > That would be great on the contract.  
> >  
> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
> >  
> >  
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> >> be forewarned that the paragraph has already  
> raised red flags in DC of and  
> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> about that.  
> >>  
> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
> >>  
> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
> >>  
> >>  
> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
> >>  
> >> Job  
> >>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg




EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
~~wang@tcf.org~~  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" ~~Serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~  
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

~~wang@icf.org~~

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@icf.org~~

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:~~jserebrov@icf.org~~]

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <~~twang@icf.org~~> wrote:

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"Job Serebrov"

~~mailto:jserebrov@aboglobal.net~~

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

~~twang@tcf.org~~

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@sboglobal.net~~>

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc serebrov@sbjglobal.net

Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

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06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various

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> > Peg  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tef.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbccglobal.net>  
Subject Re: outline of final report

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tef.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tef.org>  
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbccglobal.net>  
cc  
Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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<serebrov@sbccglobal.net>  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@icf.org~~

06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~serebroy@sbglobal.net~~

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

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Tova

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM

**To:** wang@icf.org, ~~serebroy@sbglobal.net~~

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>  
Subject donsanto interview

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cc [sobrev@sbccglobal.net](mailto:sobrev@sbccglobal.net); [twilkey@eac.gov](mailto:twilkey@eac.gov)

Subject RE: donsanto interview

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <twang@icf.org>

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" <jserebrov@stcglobal.net>

Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

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06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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To "Job Serebrov" ~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:~~jserebrov@stglobal.net~~]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Various

Peg:

I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel reimbursement?

I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both agree about what we heard during the interview. We also agree that this is taking up too much time (of which we have so little left) and is a minor part of one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews. I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on the interview and thus do not know what was said and we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity, especially given how long ago the interviews were, to object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us another sixty hours each we can call all of our interviewees, give them the review and ask for comments. In any case, we can't include comments from other interviews with, or lectures by person interviewed, outside of our interview with that person. We simply can't afford to single out one statement in one interview that there is a disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ electoral investigations.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

~~jserebrov@stglobal.net~~

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I  
> did attend, but I agree the issue is taking up too  
> much of your time. I just wanted you to be forewarned  
> that the paragraph has already raised red flags in  
> DC of and is likely to result in an edit. Enough  
> said about that.

>  
> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you and Tova both agree, I'll see  
> if our Contracting Officer will approve a contract  
> mod to provide for some additional hours and money  
> to incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall within the tasks specified  
> in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but  
> there might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

> Peg

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:jserebrov@eac.gov]

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To "Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc dromig@eac.gov, ~~psims@eac.gov~~@sbglobal.net  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting 

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>



"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcf.org~~  
06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
cc ~~psims@eac.gov~~@sbglobal.net  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** ~~psims@eac.gov~~@sbglobal.net; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" <carolthomasreporting@cox.net>

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To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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"Job Serebrov"

<Serebrov@55cglobal.net>

To wang@tchirovpsims@eac.gov

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

cc

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tchirovpsims@eac.gov> wrote:

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Subject Methodology for Cases



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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry 

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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Subject Re: donsanto interview 

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

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coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <~~twang@tcf.org~~>



"Tova Wang"  
<~~twang@tcf.org~~>  
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@shcglab.net~~>  
Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey  
cc  
Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
cc  
Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
Cc: "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Various

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@bcglobal.net>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <tovawang@eac.gov>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:serebrov@bcglobal.net]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; serebrov@bcglobal.net

>> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbaglobal.net~~

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

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Subject Travel Funds



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Job


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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds 

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcr.org@CSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, Tova Wang

<wang@tcr.org>

Subject Re: Various

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

~~wang@tcr.org~~



~~wang@tcr.org~~  
06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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cc "Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcr.org~~>

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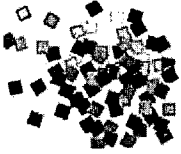
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To ~~wang@shcglobal.com, serebrov@shcglobal.com~~

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I think I've already gone over my hours. Let me know when I submit my invoice. If I have, I'll just reduce them on paper. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** ~~psims@eac.gov~~

**Subject:** RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <~~wang@ter.org~~>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM

**To:** ~~wang@ter.org~~, ~~sen@bprov@sbcslobal.net~~

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].SSAEXTERNAL>  
cc  
Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed 

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Wang Payment Tracking.xls

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].org>



"Tova Wang"  
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07/03/2006 12:19 PM

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"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].org>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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"Job Serebrov"

~~wang@eac.gov~~

07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@eac.gov~~

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
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~~wang@tcf.org~~  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc ~~serebroy@sbcglobal.net~~  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** serebroy@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <~~vwang@ef.org~~>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:~~jserebrov@psychologylab.net~~]

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

To: Tova Wang; [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <~~vwang@ef.org~~> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.

> Tova

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> Tova Andrea Wang

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07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
OV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:38 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: methodology

Please edit the attached Word document to remove the returns at the end of each line that are not needed, then send it to Tova and Job. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:37 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <~~mailto:twang@gsaexternal.gov~~>

cc ~~mailto:msims@sbeglobal.net~~

Subject Re: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcf.org~~

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:~~serebrov@globalnet.net~~]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



~~wang@tcf.org~~

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To ~~wang@tcf.org~~, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

<~~serebrov@stglobe.net~~>

cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@stglobe.net~~>

Cc: "Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

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> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@eac.gov~~>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <~~twang@eac.gov~~>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

>>

>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [~~serebrov@eac.gov~~] <~~serebrov@eac.gov~~>

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; ~~twang@eac.gov~~

>> Subject: Various

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>> Peg:

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>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

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>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy


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06/30/2006 05:25 PM

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cc ~~serebrov@shcglobal.net~~

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07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>

cc ~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~

Subject Re: final report

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>



"Tova Wang"

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~~psims@eac.gov~~  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc ~~serebrov@stroglobal.net~~  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
~~serebrov@stroglobal.net~~  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~wang@cfcr.org~~  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
~~serebrov@stroglobal.net~~  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?

> Peggy

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [mailto:serebrov@tcf.org] <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

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> Peg:

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To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org> @GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

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"Tova Wang"  
~~wang@ef.org~~  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** wang@ef.org, serebrov@stcglobal.net  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

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"Job Serebrov"  
~~serebrov@stcglobal.net~~  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@ef.org  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org> ~~CSA EXTERNAL~~

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology 

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

~~<wang@tcf.org>~~

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc ~~seredov@sbglobal.net~~

Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM

To: ~~wang@tcf.org~~

Cc: ~~seredov@sbglobal.net~~

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

~~wang@tcf.org~~

07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

~~seredov@sbglobal.net~~

Subject

Re: FW: methodology

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" ~~<jserebrov@stg01balt.net>~~; wang@tcf.org  
Subject RE: final report

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-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** ~~wang@tcf.org~~  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: final report

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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc

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Subject Voucher

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07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>; GS@EXTERNAL

cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject RE: final report

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My ~~response (to only two more weeks!) is~~ 913-362-5223. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@icf.org~~

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

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"Tova Wang"  
~~wang@tcf.org~~  
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, ~~502-269-7119~~

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/19/2006 11:23 AM

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Subject Voucher

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"Tova Wang"  
~~wang@tcf.org~~  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report 

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>

cc

Subject RE: final report

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>



"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcf.org~~  
07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

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Subject final report

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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tel:202-566-3123

----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 07/28/2006 09:27 AM -----



"Melissa Slemin"  
<melissa@hsc.caltech.edu>  
07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To soverton@...dena@...net,  
maidenberg@...org, "GPM" <...>,  
"Kristen Engberg" <KEngberg@JehtFoundation.org>,  
"Michael Caudell-Feagan"  
<MCaudell-Feagan@pewtrusts.org>, "Daniel Tokaji"  
<tokaji.1@osu.edu>, "Charles Stewart III"  
<cstewart@MIT.EDU>, klyndyson@eac.gov,  
Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, tmann@brookings.edu

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Election Fraud Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah and the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, September 29-30, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Regards,  
Melissa Slemin

++++  
California Institute of Technology  
Voting Technology Project  
MC 228-77  
1200 E California Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91125  
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fax: 626.405.9841



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"Job Serebrov"  
<...@...net>  
07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To ...@...sims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

There was no telephone conference scheduled yesterday. If you all remember, due to my current job and grandchildren situation we were unable to arrange a teleconference.

--- ... note:

> Whats going on? Where are we at? Thanks. Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@cf.org>; "Job  
> Serebrov"  
> <[REDACTED]@global.net>  
> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 5:14 PM  
> Subject: No teleconference today  
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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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[REDACTED]  
07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient;  
cc  
Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

As some of you know, I have decided to voluntarily give up many of my voting rights and become a resident of the District of Columbia. As I will be simply transferring to The Century Foundation's DC office, my email will remain the same [REDACTED]. My new work contact information as of August 8 is as follows:

The Century Foundation  
1333 H Street, NW  
10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

[REDACTED]  
(202) 741-6200

I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM  
To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Craig:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 04:59 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

I am looking at the **afternoon** of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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~~wang@ter.org~~  
05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** ~~wang@ter.org~~; ~~seaborn@the-global.net~~

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

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To "Job Serebrov"  
<jserebrov@sbcglobal.net> @GS/EXTERNAL  
cc wang@tcf.org  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
<jserebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc wang@tcf.org  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a person just like Perez. However, given this, I would still like to know if he has a party affiliation and this brings up another issue. How is the county election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the

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Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or if he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in his/her stead and a third member picked by the party with the most constitutional officers. Practically that has meant that the Democrats have controlled election commissions in Arkansas since the end of Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the situation in Texas.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
> Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> association of Texas  
> election officials and the two largest organizations  
> of election officials  
> in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The  
> Election Center. He  
> is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> Legislative Committee for the  
> Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> currently serves on  
> IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans  
> the educational  
> sessions for election officials that are conducted

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> at that organization's  
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election  
> Center have selected  
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> his professional  
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.  
> Perez also has access  
> to information from other States through his  
> membership in IACREOT and The  
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> which you will note if you  
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> Elections web site and  
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that  
> might be useful in the  
> upcoming meeting.

>  
> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the  
> county had over 65  
> thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> doubled the number of  
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's  
> population claims  
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> Census Bureau. The county  
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,  
> Hays, Cladwell,  
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,  
> the county was  
> predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> years, many people have  
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> County, preferring to  
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> --- Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@eac.gov~~>  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

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> Peggy:  
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> What political party is Perez with? How political is  
> he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?

> Who  
> appointed Perez?  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO  
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcr.org~~

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum  
>  
> Here' s his info in full:  
>  
> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>  
> 1  
>  
> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for  
> the Lawyers Committee  
> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> Arnwine, the Executive  
> Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
>  
> His contact and mailing info is:  
>  
> ~~1401 New York Avenue, NW~~  
> ~~Suite 400~~  
> ~~Washington, DC 20005~~  
>  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation

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> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-432-7707 fax: 212-535-7534  
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cc  
Subject: RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

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**To:** [serebrov@sbglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbglobal.net)  
**Cc:** [twang@tcf.org](mailto:twang@tcf.org)  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject: Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.  
>  
> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace  
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---  
> Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> Subject  
> Re: Good News  
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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition  
> today after surgery.  
>  
> See:  
> ~~http://www.medrall.com/attorneys/attorney\_23.html.~~  
> 500 Fourth Street NW  
> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> ~~(505) 243-1800~~  
> Fax: (505) 848-1891  
> Asst: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
> ~~patroge@medrall.com~~  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Job:  
> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going  
> > to  
> > talk with the Chairman  
> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do  
> > you have contact  
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**To:** Donsanto, Craig

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- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (organization associated with the Voting Rights Project and Election Protection)
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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

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Subject

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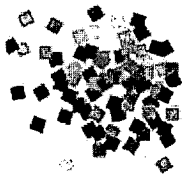
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting 

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
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take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.  
> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be

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> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.  
>  
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

>  
> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> Washington, DC 20005  
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> Fax: 202-566-3127  
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> "Job Serebrov" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

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> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.

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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
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> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
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> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
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> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > > it  
> > > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > > out  
> > > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
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> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
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> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> > got to pick three  
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> > guidance regarding this  
> > particular member follows:  
> >  
> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
> >  
> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> > Tova's  
> > pick.  
> >  
> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
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> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" <~~psims@eac.gov~~> psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang <~~psims@eac.gov~~> wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > > >  
> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

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Peggy Sims  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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05/04/2006 02:28 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

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To "Job Serebrov"

~~ss@sbglobal.net>@CSA/EXTERNAL~~

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

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~~ss@sbglobal.net>~~

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@usdoj.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition



This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
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05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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To "Job Serebrov"

~~<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>~~ ~~<[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL>~~

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I have placed another call to his office (after one previous call to his assistant and an email to him). I, too, am concerned about our dwindling chances. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

~~<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>~~

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Given the short time period, you may want to give Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer our chances are of getting Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" <~~Serebrov@beglobal.net~~>  
> 05/12/2006 02:33 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbglobal.net>  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

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<wang@tcf.org>  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbglobal.net  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

The bio for JR Perez tells us very little about him and there is pretty much nothing about him on the web. Can you tell us more about him and how you decided on him? Thanks. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** wang@tcf.org, serebrov@sbglobal.net  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

002593



**Teleconference**

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

**Working Group Members**

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

**Travel Arrangements**

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwords, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:27 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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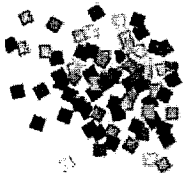
Subject Re: Court reporter 

Thanks for checking this out for me, Devon. I've asked Tom if there are funds available for this service. Our consultants were very enthusiastic about the idea. --- Peg

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:26 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy,

002600

Can I help on this working group?

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05/04/2006 02:07 PM

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bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Good News

Job:


Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to talk with the Chairman today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do you have contact information for Rogers? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 05:20 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject

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RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To: psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 01:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition 

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>



"Tova Wang"  
<~~wang@tcf.org~~>  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~wang@tcf.org~~, ~~wang@tcf.org~~  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----


**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** ~~wang@tcf.org~~, ~~sercbrow@shcglobal.net~~  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>, ~~wang@tcf.org~~  
cc  
Subject Re: invoice 

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

(1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and  
(2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>



"Tova Wang"  
<[redacted]>  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:10 PM

To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

~~twang@tcf.org~~

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~serebrov@stglobal.net~~

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

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"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@stglobal.net~~

05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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~~twang@tcf.org~~  
05/06/2006 08:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Are you available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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04/27/2006 09:13 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Unfortunately, I have to get the Working Group together before then, so that my consultants can prepare the final report before June. (In June, I lose one of them to State employment.) In understand about the crammed schedule. This month and next are chock full.

Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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>

04/26/2006 09:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

How about we meld this wit the EAC Board of Advisors meeting? I just got taged to be parliamentarian --

We could attend to your folks whike I arbitrate a food fight!!!!

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

Donsanto lists four types of election fraud: schemes to purposely and corruptly register voters who either do not exist, or who are known by the putative defendant to be ineligible to vote under applicable state law; schemes to cast, record or fraudulently tabulate votes for voters who do not participate in the voting act at all; schemes to corrupt the voting act of voters who do participate in the voting act to a limited extent; and, schemes to knowingly prevent voters qualified voters from voting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> When I opened the attachment, I still had problems  
> with the 4th paragraph.  
> Would you please just send me that paragraph within  
> the text of your  
> email so that I can paste it into the document? ---  
> Peggy

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  


Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sheglobe.net~~

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sheglobe.net~~ @GSA/EXTERNAL

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Conference Call 

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If 'Yes', check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" ~~psims@eac.gov~~



"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~  
05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all

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alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

serebrov@eac.gov  
05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:  
>  
> As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears  
> to be the best  
> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not  
> available to attend in  
> person that day (he is available only 2 days during  
> the first three weeks  
> of May). We won't have confirmation of the  
> availability of Secretary  
> Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.  
>  
> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:  
Are you available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

---

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----

"Job Serebrov"

~~<serebrov@legislature.gov>~~

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be  
> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.

> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

> Peggy Sims  
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> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

>  
> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.

>  
> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@worldnet.att.net~~>  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, ~~warn@eac.gov~~  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> >  
> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
> >  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >

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> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
> > >  
> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > it  
> > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > out  
> > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground

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> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcf.org~~

04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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~~phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534~~

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcf.org~~

05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~ser@brod.org~~

cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM

**To:** ~~ser@brod.org~~

**Cc:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

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~~swang@...~~  
05/11/2006 03:45 PM

To "Job Serebrov" ~~...~~ psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:~~...~~]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: Re: new working group representative

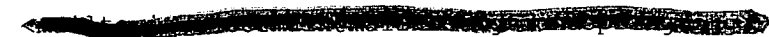
I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang ~~...~~ wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum  
>  
> Here' s his info in full:  
>  
> ~~http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm~~  
> 1  
>  
> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for  
> the Lawyers Committee  
> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> Arnwine, the Executive  
> Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
>  
> His contact and mailing info is:  
>  
> ~~greenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org~~  
> ~~202-662-8315~~  
> 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> Suite 400  
> Washington, DC 20005  
>  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
>  
> Visit our Web site, ~~http://www.ecfr.org/~~  
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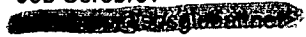
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"Job Serebrov"  


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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is

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> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" <[REDACTED]@CGAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez 

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

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"J. R. Perez" <[REDACTED]@stegobannc



"J. R. Perez"

<[REDACTED]@stegobannc

05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5\_5\_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez  
Elections Administrator  
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
<weinutr@verizon.net>  
05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-493-5343

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** weinutr@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---  
Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <~~weinutr@verizon.net~~>

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** ~~weinutr@verizon.net~~  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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"Job Serebrov"  
<[redacted]@serebrov.net>  
05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group List

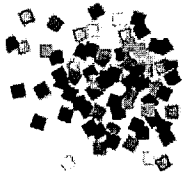
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working  
> Group members. I need  
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the  
> day, and have not heard  
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a  
> vacancy, or list Norcross  
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a  
> substitute, we can always  
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM ---



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo\\_landing.html?category=sweet\\_sleeper](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper)

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

Devon Romig  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang

[REDACTED]

New York, NY 10023

[REDACTED]

(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov

[REDACTED] Spring Street

Little Rock, AR 72206

[REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

05/02/2006 05:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell phone 917-656-7905. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"

<[REDACTED]>  
04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: interview analysis

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <twang@tcf.org>

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@stglobal.net>  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
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"Tova Wang"  
<twang@tcf.org>  
04/24/2006 01:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@stglobal.net>  
Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

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Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

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Response to the CB Report FINAL.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

To: [wg@tcf.org](mailto:wg@tcf.org) (EXTERNAL)

cc

Subject: Re: wg

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

[wg@tcf.org](mailto:wg@tcf.org)



[wg@tcf.org](mailto:wg@tcf.org)

05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject: wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

[serebrov@subglobalinc.com](mailto:serebrov@subglobalinc.com)

To

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05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have placed another call to his office (after one  
> previous call to his  
> assistant and an email to him). I, too, am  
> concerned about our dwindling  
> chances. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Fraud Definition

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> Given the short time period, you may want to give  
> Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer  
> our chances are of getting Braden.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have

> > received a "No" from

> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

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> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,  
> > the  
> > > WG will have  
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you  
> > and  
> > > Tova containing the  
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > > sent anything yet  
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > > inclusion. (Still  
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> > >  
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > > very short meeting after  
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference  
> > the  
> > > following Monday  
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll  
> > be  
> > > out of the office  
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin  
> > that  
> > > day. --- Peggy  
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> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > > cc  
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> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> > packets  
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure  
> > with  
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a  
> > > teleconference  
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We

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Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]@starglobal.net>  
05/10/2006 11:51 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need  
> to know as we continue  
> our search.) -- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@starglobal.net>  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Update  
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> Peggy:  
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> Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move  
> on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still  
> no  
> good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not  
> workable.  
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> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>@CSAEXTERNAL  
cc wang@taiborg  
Subject Re: new working group representative

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>  
05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

>  
> To  
> "Tova Wang" <wang@taiborg> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes, please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

~~<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>~~

05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com> wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
>  
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> tomorrow. Depositions all  
> day today. Thanks, Pat  
>  
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?  
>  
>  
> Patrick J. Rogers  
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> T [REDACTED]  
> F [REDACTED]

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> Subject: Working Group meeting

> Pat:

> The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> project is scheduled for  
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> Could you come? If so,  
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

> Regards,

> Job

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> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov,  
cc  
Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working Group Travel

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@tcf.org~~

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:~~jserebrov@tcf.org~~]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM

To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
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> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sec.state.gov~~

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

501-626-0440

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

"Tova Wang"

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included



news article review

.-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** ~~wang@eac.gov~~

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

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> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

>

> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY  
> ELECTION COMMISSION.

> (a) The position of county elections  
> administrator is filled by  
> appointment of the county election commission, which  
> consists of:

> (1) the county judge, as chair;

> (2) the county clerk, as vice

> chair;

> (3) the county tax

> assessor-collector, as secretary; and

> (4) the county chair of each

> political party that made

> nominations by primary election for the last general

> election for state

> and county officers preceding the date of the

> meeting at which the

> appointment is made.

> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of  
> the commission's

> membership is necessary for the appointment of an

> administrator.

> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a  
> written resolution or

> order signed by the number of commission members

> necessary to make the

> appointment. Not later than the third day after the  
> date an administrator

> is appointed, the officer who presided at the

> meeting shall file a signed

> copy of the resolution or order with the county

> clerk. Not later than the

> third day after the date the copy is filed, the

> county clerk shall deliver

> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the  
> secretary of state.

> (d) The initial appointment may be made at

> any time after the

> adoption of the order creating the position.

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> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

> (a) A county elections administrator may

> not be a candidate for a

> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or  
> hold an office of or position in a political party.  
> At the time an  
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an  
> office or position in  
> violation of this subsection, the administrator  
> vacates the position of  
> administrator.  
> (b) A county elections administrator  
> commits an offense if the  
> administrator makes a political contribution or  
> political expenditure, as  
> defined by the law regulating political funds and  
> campaigns, or publicly  
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or  
> a measure to be voted  
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection  
> is a Class A  
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the  
> administrator's employment is  
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible  
> for future appointment  
> as county elections administrator.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> The code attachment did not work that is what I  
> meant  
> by it did not come through.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > wang@tcf.org  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
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> > > elections, rather than  
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> > > voter registration;  
> > > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > > Administrator is hired by the  
> > > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > > perform his or her duties in  
> > > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts  
> from  
> > > Texas Election Code  
> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan  
> > > activity.)  
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> > > familiar with voting fraud  
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that  
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> > > Mr. Perez has over 13  
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> > > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > > country, prefers to  
> > > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > > association of Texas  
> > > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > > of election officials  
> > > in this country: the International Association  
> of  
> > > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].[REDACTED]>  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

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"Job Serebrov"

<[redacted]@eac.gov>

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
- > got to pick three
- > members of the Working Group. The Commission
- > guidance regarding this
- > particular member follows:
- >
- > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
- > sectors - 2 to be chosen by
- > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
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- > This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
- > pick.
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- > As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
- > for Norcross. If
- > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
- > includes public
- > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
- > not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@spcglobal.net~~>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Re: new working group representative

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>> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
>> he  
>> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
>> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with

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> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum

> > > Here' s his info in full:

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> > > <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for

> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> > > Barbara

> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
> > >

> > > j [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]

> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
> > > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> > > [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

> > > Visit our Web site, <http://www.votef.org/>  
> > > [REDACTED], for the latest news,  
> > > analysis, opinions, and events.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
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> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or 202-566-3105), who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>



"Tova Wang"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~psims@eac.gov~~

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

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--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@socialnet.net>

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To bginsberg@pattonboggs.com

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims  
 Election Research Specialist  
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
 Fax: 202-566-3127  
 email: psims@eac.gov


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@SSAEXTERNAL>

cc

Subject Re: arnwine 

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

<[REDACTED]@arwinc>  
 05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject arnwine

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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:28 PM -----

Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV  
04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:28 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net, wang@tcf.org, ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, **Job Serebrov and Tova Wang**. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call 1-866-222-9044.
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

You mentioned that Secretary Grayson may be using a cell phone. Our teleconference provider has given us the following information regarding the use of cell phones during the teleconference:

- Signals are often in and out and the audio bridging equipment cannot compensate fast enough by adjusting the signal. This affects all participants connected. If participants must use a cell phone – they **should be stationary in a location where they can pick up the other participants**, moving while using a cell phone causes the signal to go in and out and often will pick up extraneous electrical signals that will cause heavy static on the call.
- The **cell phone should be well charged and muted, if possible, until the individual is ready to speak.**
- **If there is a problem**, anybody who dials into a conference can **contact the operator/technicians by simply pressing \*0 (star zero)**. This information is part of the recording when individuals are dialing in.

If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him at 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free) or 202-566-3126. He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

Peggy Sims  
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"Tova Wang"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** ~~psims@eac.gov~~

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?

> --- Peggy

> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
> Subject  
> donsanto again

> Hi Peg,

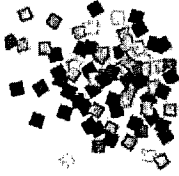
> Happy Easter!

> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Rivers@BlankRome.com

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

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04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

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Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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~~swang@tcf.org~~

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" ~~jserebrov@theolab.net~~

cc

Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" ~~<serebrov@ssregisball.net>~~

cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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cc

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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
<SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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cc  
Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
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To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
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cc  
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cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.


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Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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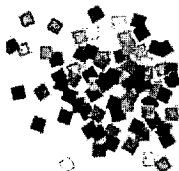
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rivers@BlankRome.com  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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"Tova Wang"

~~\_\_\_\_\_@f10ng~~  
04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~\_\_\_\_\_@stglobal.net~~

cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** ~~serebrov@stglobal.net; tova.wang@f10ng~~  
**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]@saeglobal.net>  
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 Subject case charts 2

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 [redacted]  
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 Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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<wang@tc.org>

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]@stglobal.net>

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Subject existing literature summaries 1

And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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Subject job's case charts 1

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04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rivers@BlankRome.com  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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cc  
Subject summaries of interviews 2

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:39 PM  
To Diana Scott  
cc  
Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?

> --- Peggy

> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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<[redacted]@[redacted]>  
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To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]@shenglobal.net  
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Subject interview analysis

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>  
05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

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ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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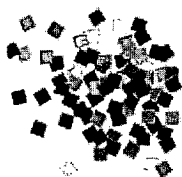
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/05/2006 09:17 PM

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

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**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** ~~[psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)~~; ~~[sarabrown@shcglobal.net](mailto:sarabrown@shcglobal.net)~~

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

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Peggy

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05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~ <~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts 

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~>



"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job  
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the  
> following files that appear  
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?  
> --- Peggy  
>  
>  
>  
>

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"Tova Wang"

~~psims@eac.gov~~  
05/11/2006 12:06 PM

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cc dromig@eac.gov, ~~serebrov@sbglobal.net~~, "Tova Wang"

Subject ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
list of interviewees

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

>  
05/05/2006 12:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby): --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy  
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To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
~~psims@eac.gov~~  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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"Job Serebrov"

<[redacted]@[redacted]>

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

<[redacted]@[redacted]>

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To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

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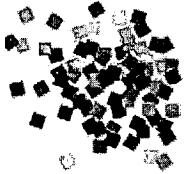
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"

<[marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com](mailto:marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com)

To [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

>

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov) [<mailto:dromig@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com](mailto:marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com)

**Cc:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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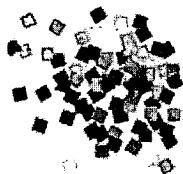
that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

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"Donsanto, Craig"

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>

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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"Job Serebrov"

~~ss@eac.gov~~

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"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



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Subject RE: Case Summaries

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

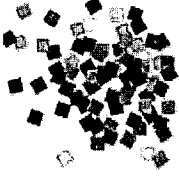
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pepsims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

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05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, Wang@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
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> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
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> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
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> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing

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> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
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> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
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To Craig Donsanto

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

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To Job Serebrov

~~cc [REDACTED]~~  
Subject Literature Summary

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To Devon Romig

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Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
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Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
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1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
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To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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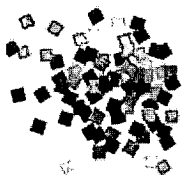
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

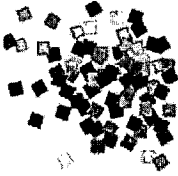
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant:*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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"Tova Wang"

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05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** ~~wang@btf.org~~

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]@tsf.org>

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, <[redacted]@tsf.org>  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** <[redacted]@tsf.org>, <[redacted]@tsf.org>

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[redacted]@tsf.org>

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" ~~REDACTED~~  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
>> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
>> her. He works for her  
>> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
>>  
>>  
>> "Job Serebrov" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>  
>> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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>> To  
>> "Tova Wang" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>, psims@eac.gov  
>> cc  
>> ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
>> Subject  
>> Re: new working group representative  
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>> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> he  
>> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
>> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
>> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
>> fill  
>> that position since I am one down.  
>>  
>> --- Tova Wang <~~psims@eac.gov~~>  
>>  
>>> is Jon Greenbaum  
>>>  
>>> Here' s his info in full:  
>>>  
>>>  
>>> ~~http://www.eac.gov/2005website/aboutus/staff/greenbaum~~  
>>>  
>>> 1  
>>>  
>>> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
>>> for  
>>> the Lawyers Committee  
>>> for Civil Rights. He will be representing



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I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:

Title:

Entity for whom you work:

Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:

Work Telephone:

Fax Number:

Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

>

> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> conduct the Working  
> Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy

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>

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

> cc

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>  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
>  
> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> in  
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> money  
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> for  
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> for  
> this working group meeting to take place in person.  
> It  
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by  
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> the  
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
>  
> Job  
>  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Hi, Folks:  
> >  
> > Teleconference  
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > please suggest another  
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > preparations for the  
> > Working Group meeting.  
> >  
> > Working Group Members  
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > nonpartisan local  
> > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > objections to him. He  
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > Rogers office, but  
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > any  
> > pull with him, you  
> > may want to contact him, too.

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> >  
> > Travel Arrangements  
> > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > including hotel. Travel  
> > time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> > hours actually worked on  
> > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > preparation for the meeting,  
> > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> >  
> > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > hotel taxes (if you  
> > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > rates that are a little  
> > higher)  
> > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it  
> > is  
> > \$48 on the first and  
> > last day of travel)  
> > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> > mile  
> >  
> > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out  
> > a  
> > travel authorization  
> > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> > receipt (or mileage  
> > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > transportation receipts and a  
> > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > total travel expenses due  
> > you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> > meal receipts.  
> >  
> > Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> > for personal reasons are  
> > not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> > however, is to give me a  
> > comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage,  
> > hotel,  
> > and per diem of doing  
> > it your way against the cost of a roundtrip  
> > flight,  
> > ground transportation,  
> > hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> > should be no problem to  
> > cover the full cost. If your way is more  
> > expensive,  
> > we may only pay up to  
> > the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> > apply to me when I  
> > travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> > you will spend the  
> > night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
> >  
> > Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tova Wang" [redacted]

Sent: 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang

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05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [mailto:serebrov@sbcbglobal.net]; psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcbglobal.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang [mailto:twang@sbcbglobal.net]

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have  
> already established we are  
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about  
> Ginsburg yet anyway,  
> right?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcbglobal.net]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: serebrov@sbcbglobal.net  
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

> --- Tova Wang [mailto:twang@sbcbglobal.net]

> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:  
> >

> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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> > 1  
> >  
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> >  
> > His contact and mailing info is:  
> >  
> > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> > 202-662-8315  
> > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
> >  
> >  
> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
>  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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>  
>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.  
> > I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Tova Wang"

~~wang@century~~

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, ~~hrov@schoolabel.net~~

Subject existing literature list



Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" ~~wang@century.org @CENTURYINTERNAL~~

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative 

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]@eac.gov>



"Tova Wang"

[redacted]@eac.gov

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]@globalnet

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [redacted]@eac.gov, [redacted]@eac.gov

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]@eac.gov

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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> "Job Serebrov" ~~REDACTED~~  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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> > > <http://www.2005web.org/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum>  
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> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
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> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > Suite 400

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**Teleconference**

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Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov; [redacted]@cheglobal.net  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [redacted]

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**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

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05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To  
> "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
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> --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]>

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> > <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005/meduse/aboutus/staff/starjgreenbaum.htm>

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> >  
> > His contact and mailing info is:  
> >  
> > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org

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> > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
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> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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"Tova Wang"

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05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

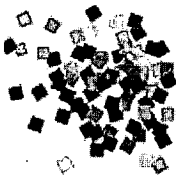
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org,  
dlovechio@perkinscoie.com, Rbauer@perkinscoie.com,  
weinutr@verizon.net  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [redacted] dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>  
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> > tomorrow. Depositions all  
> > day today. Thanks, Pat

> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> > Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
> > P.O. Box 2168  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> > Tel: [REDACTED]  
> > Fax: [REDACTED]

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> > -----Original Message-----  
> > From: Job Serebrov [mailto:jserebrov@globalvantage.com]  
>  
> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> > To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Subject: Working Group meeting  
> >  
> > Pat:  
> >  
> > The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> > project is scheduled for  
> > May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> > Could you come? If so,  
> > we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.  
> >  
> > Regards,  
> >  
> > Job  
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> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
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"Tova Wang"  
~~\_\_\_\_\_@eac.gov~~  
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
 cc psims@eac.gov  
 Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** ~~\_\_\_\_\_@eac.gov~~  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
 1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
 Washington, D.C. 20005  
 (202)566-2377

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
~~\_\_\_\_\_@verizon.net~~  
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** ~~\_\_\_\_\_@verizon.net~~  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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email: psims@eac.gov

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <~~weinberg@verizon.net~~>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the  
> WG will have  
> suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you and  
> Tova containing the  
> same materials being provided to the WG. I haven't  
> sent anything yet  
> because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> inclusion. (Still  
> waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)

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> Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> very short meeting after  
> the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference the  
> following Monday  
> afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll be  
> out of the office  
> attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that  
> day. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition

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> This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets  
> that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with  
> Tova's response we will need to have a  
> teleconference  
> on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will  
> need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@subgibbar.net @CS.GS.BOX.DUKE.EDU~~  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the  
> WG will have  
> suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you and  
> Tova containing the  
> same materials being provided to the WG. I haven't  
> sent anything yet  
> because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> inclusion. (Still  
> waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
>  
> Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> very short meeting after  
> the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference the  
> following Monday  
> afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll be  
> out of the office  
> attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that  
> day. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition  
>  
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>  
> This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets  
> that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with  
> Tova's response we will need to have a  
> teleconference  
> on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will  
> need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> > combined both of your  
> > definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> > reference to the fraud having  
> > to have an actual impact on the election results  
> > (because fraud can be  
> > prosecuted without proving that it actually  
> changed  
> > the results of the  
> > election), and taken out a couple of vague  
> examples  
> > (e.g.; reference to  
> > failing to enforce state laws --- because there  
> may  
> > be legitimate reasons  
> > for not doing so).  
> >  
> > I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> > am waiting to hear if  
> > he accepts our invitation to join the working  
> group.  
> > --- Peggy  
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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@eac.gov~~

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

>

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>

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> "Job Serebrov" ~~serebrov@eac.gov~~

> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > to  
> > find a nonpartisan  
> > local election official to serve on the Working  
> > Group. The three of us  
> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> > I  
> > proposed that I find  
> > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > colorful  
> > history of voting  
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > it.  
> > In those Texas  
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> > elections, rather than  
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > voter registration;  
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud

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> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
>  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_23.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html).  
500 Fourth Street NW  
P.O. Box 2168  
Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job:
- > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to
- > talk with the Chairman
- > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
- > you have contact
- > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
- > to be the best
- > possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
- > available to attend in
- > person that day (he is available only 2 days during
- > the first three weeks
- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
- > availability of Secretary
- > Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
- >
- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**Subject:** research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

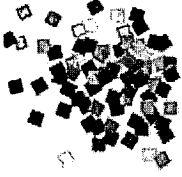


Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"  
<marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com>

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM  
**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"

~~\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_~~  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** ~~\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_~~

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <~~\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_~~>

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group



I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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[redacted]  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears to be the best possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not available to attend in person that day (he is available only 2 days during the first three weeks of May). We won't have confirmation of the availability of Secretary Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.

I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can schedule a teleconference on Monday afternoon. ---  
Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that therefore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
**Importance:** High

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 05:24 PM


To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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Election Research Specialist  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 05:14 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 04:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject tova

See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
03/09/2007 02:47 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie  
Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House  
Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 03/09/2007 02:29 PM -----



"Dan Seligson"

~~<dseligson@eac.gov>~~

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>

cc

03/09/2007 02:26 PM

Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,  
Dan

Daniel Seligson  
editor

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

03/13/2007 02:31 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc ddavidson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
03/13/2007 02:25 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

04/02/2007 11:29 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Swolson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: 

The info that is on the website should be everything that you and she need. If you have trouble locating that info, Jeannie can probably direct you to where you can find it.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Karen Lynn-Dyson

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Karen Lynn-Dyson

**Sent:** 04/02/2007 11:02 AM EDT

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Cc:** Juliet Hodgkins; stephanie.wolson@gmail.com

Peg-

This week Heather Moss, a research intern will be starting with us. Heather is presently in law school and worked for DOJ in the Voting Rights Division for four years. Heather's primary responsibility (for the next month or so) will be helping us develop the follow-on research project for the Election Crimes study.

Also as an FYI- Commissioner Hunter and her Special Assistant, Stephanie Wolson have expressed an interest in working closely with staff on this project.

I would like to schedule a call/meeting for later on this week so that everyone can be brought up to speed on this work.

In preparation for this meeting I would like to give Heather the project materials which Job and Tova worked on and any relevant material you may have .

Could you direct me to these files so that Heather may begin her work on this project? Could you also let me know dates and times this week that might work for you?

Thanks

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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04/03/2007 06:22 PM

cc jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

04/03/2007 05:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go here for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 05:08 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Most of the working files for this project are in a red folder sitting on my window sill; but I have some individual files in manila folders for Job and Tova propped upright on my desk next to the computer. Isn't this something that can wait until Monday? --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

**Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 04:42 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Where are your working files maintained?

Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 04/13/2007 04:27 PM EDT

**To:** Edgardo Cortes

**Subject:** Re: Working group meeting transcript

I don't maintain "official" contract files, just working copies (and I am missing a copy of one of Tova's contracts). The official files should be with the other official EAC contract files. There were 4 personal services contracts between Tova and Job. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

**Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV**

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,


They are also requesting copies of the signed contracts. Where are your official contract files for that contract? Let me know where they are and I will pull them to give Gavin the copies so he can review for releasability. Thanks!

Edgardo Cortés  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/13/2007 01:04 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript 

There is only one transcript. In addition to the electronic copy, I have a hard copy in the file. Job Serebrov submitted one correction related to the information reported on his background, not the study. Otherwise, the transcript has NOT been reviewed for accuracy and we have not released copies to anyone but our consultants. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV  
04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
Subject Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

Is the transcript contained in T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group the only transcript that exists for that working group? Did you ever review it for accuracy? Has it been released to anyone previously? We've had a request from Todd Rokita's office for a copy and I want to be sure we are sending the correct file. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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believe you can find it at the following link:

[attachment "20070411voters\_draft\_report.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

I will need to get back with you regarding the Contract Employees scope of work.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:27 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Vote fraud report 

As far as I know, you are absolutely correct! Julie did the bulk of the rewrite and used my analyses of the preliminary info submitted by our contractors. I know that I had no contact with the administration regarding this study. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2007 01:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
jthompson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Vote fraud report

The St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote an editorial that said the administration edited our report. I am almost absolutely sure that is not true, but I wanted to confirm that with you before I request a correction. Thanks.

Jeannie Layson

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04/17/2007 03:18 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Need emails 

Julie:

The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2007 03:07 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

~~jserebrov@eac.gov~~

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@

cc

Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a pubic meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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04/17/2007 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia."
  - Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

## *2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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Subject Need your help ASAP

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Peg,

If possible, I need answers for these questions in reference to the vote fraud/voter intimidation project by 2 p.m. today for an inquiry for Congressional Quarterly:

1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?
2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2007 03:57 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
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Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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Subject Job and Tova

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Job and Tova 

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Job and Tova

I appreciate it. I will send you a copy of the outline that I am working from. It is somewhat subject to change as I am still trying to gel in my mind what goes first, second ....

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Margaret Sims

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 11/03/2006 06:38 PM  
**To:** Juliet Hodgkins  
**Subject:** Re: Job and Tova

I can review them over the weekend and attempt to summarize what they tell us. --- Peggy

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11/06/2006 11:07 AM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: VF\_VI Literature Review 

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Subject Fw: please investigate

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Thanks

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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name 320-230-0961". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

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Footnote:

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DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

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Almost finished sorting through the interview summaries. I don't find them as helpful as the literature summaries, but hope to have something to you by the end of the day. (I was at the clinic yesterday, and could only work a half day.) --- Peggy

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I am getting close to having a first cut at a report, minus a few key sections. Just wondering how those summaries are coming along.

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



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Julie:

I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?


Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Julie:

I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

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Subject Revised - Draft -- Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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I assume you mean the note associated with the Tanner interview when you mentioned the pending cases. That's fine by me. I was just a little concerned that the note as a whole was a little adversarial and whiny. If any questions arise as to why certain items should be deleted from the Donsanto interview summary, I have answers. --- Peggy

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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Then I need to get commishes to okay.

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"RoseUtley, Jennifer"  
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To bwhitener@eac.gov

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m>  
12/05/2006 06:49 PM

cc jlayson@eac.gov  
Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject VF-VI Research Contacts

Bryan:

The two consultants were:

- Tova Wang (Wang, Tova)
- Job Serebrov (Serebrov, Job)

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

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"Bryan Whitener"  
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12/07/2006 02:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

Contact:

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## EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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12/13/2006 10:14 AM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov

cc twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
ggilmour@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud research that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. [Go here to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.](#)

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
US Election Assistance Commission

### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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12/13/2006 10:50 AM

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cc Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Rick Hasen response-need your approval

I agree that Jeannie should send the response.

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV



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12/14/2006 12:07 PM  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
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cc  
Subject PFAW Response to EAC Vote Fraud Report

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12/14/2006 01:19 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: PFAW Response to EAC Vote Fraud Report 

Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-


I did not have any interaction with this group.

Karen Lynn-Dyson  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Gracia  
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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV  
12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
01/23/2007 02:35 PM


To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.  
Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV  
01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV  
01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV  
01/26/2007 11:54 AM


To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: 

I already got one, thanks!

Elle L.K. Kuala  
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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blackberry: (202) 294-9251

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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Fw: 1099

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02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject 1099

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eacon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
Office of Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission  
Phone - (202) 566-3125  
Fax - (202) 566-0957

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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## Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <tjsthree@msn.com>

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Helen Jamison

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**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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**To:** [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSA/EXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday,  
April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@subal.net>  
cc  
Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. Theres no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:s[REDACTED]@net]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <w[REDACTED]@eac.gov> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@cs.global.net>  
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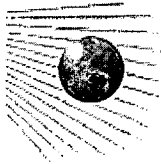
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Nicole  
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C/GOV  
04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference set up 

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

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04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"

<[REDACTED]@eac.gov>  
04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]@seglobal.net  
cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@seglobal.net  
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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
~~psims@eac.gov~~  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <~~psims@eac.gov~~>



"Job Serebrov"  
~~psims@eac.gov~~  
04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

~~psims@eac.gov~~  
--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]@stcglobal.net

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted] "Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

002844

Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

] "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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 04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <~~wang@tcf.org~~>  
cc ~~serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" ~~mailto:twang@tcf.org~~



"Tova Wang"  
~~mailto:twang@tcf.org~~  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~mailto:twang@tcf.org~~  
cc  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova  
-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

Please review the attached and let me know of any corrections that should be made. Thanks! ---  
Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
~~mailto:twang@tcf.org~~

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, w  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
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> County, TX and current  
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[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
Subject doj training materials

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Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <[REDACTED]>



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
<[REDACTED]>  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.  
Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

**Background**

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1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

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Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

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2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
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The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <tjsthree@msn.com>



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04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Tony

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

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04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regrettably not public at present.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it our in a couple months.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled "July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM  
To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

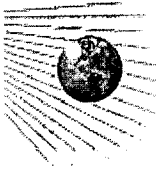
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject Re: doj training materials

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>, "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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1225 New York Ave Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
202.566.3100

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
~~psims@eac.gov~~  
04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc

Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
~~psims@eac.gov~~  
04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"  
~~serebrov@sbccglobe.com~~  
04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?  
>  
> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" ~~serebrov@sbccglobe.com~~  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> this week. Is this the last interview that you were  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:s[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative,

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED]

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

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> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> Peg - -  
> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> Hi, Craig:

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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative  
> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Tova and Job:

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Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back to say she would be available Wednesday through Friday this week and next week for the interview. Which day and time is best for you and Job?

--- Peggy

[REDACTED]

04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

donsanto again

To

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Subject

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sticglobal.net~~

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, ~~psims@eac.gov~~

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule this week. Is this the last interview that you were able to arrange?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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> "Tova Wang" ~~psims@eac.gov~~  
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> donsanto again  
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> Hi Peg,  
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> Happy Easter!  
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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[Redacted]  
04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter  
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on  
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto  
cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

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[REDACTED]  
04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto again

Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information?  
Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** Tony Sirvello

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [mailto:tsirvello@eac.gov]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
> I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's  
> colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
>  
> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
> >  
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> the  
> > county had over 65  
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
> >  
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
> >  
> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----


Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

~~<weinut@weirid.net>~~ ~~<weinut@gsaexternal.gov>~~

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" ~~<weinut@weirid.net>~~



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

~~<weinut@weirid.net>~~

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbeglobal.net~~@GSA/EXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative 

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---  
Peggy

"Job Serebrov", ~~serebrov@sbeglobal.net~~



"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbeglobal.net~~

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~ <~~serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~>

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

~~serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~ <~~serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~>

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> Federal Crime of  
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> something wrong in the fourth  
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> you please send a  
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> an email and I will  
> place it in the document. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To ~~serebrov@sbcglobal.net~~

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

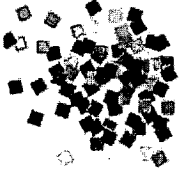
Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To: psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.

> Peggy

>

> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>

>

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang

> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Cc: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Subject: Fw: research summary

>

> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include

> so as I said I'll just

> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> To: <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM

> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > T~

> >

> > Are you talking about this?

> >

> > J~

> >

> > --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> >

> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that

> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the

> >> existing literature review (that Job, you

> approved)

> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go

> >> into the office over the weekend, which is

> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,

> I'll

> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to

> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

<[REDACTED]>  
05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

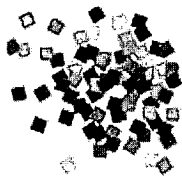
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

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Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV


05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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cc  
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WB [REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED] et  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the

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requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/16/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



Working Group Attendees 5-18-06.doc

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

Elle L.K Collver

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"  
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: press interview [REDACTED]

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
[REDACTED]

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Campbell, Benton"  
<Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Thank you for this, Peg.

The third bullet point is one I embrace fully. We lack the statutory tool to do the job. Hopefully, that can be remedied through legislation. But as things stand today large loopholes in the federal legal matrix addressing electoral abuse and fraud exist - - particularly when such abuses occur in elections where there were no federal candidates on the ballot.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 8:44 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

### **Existing Research Analysis**

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Would you please refresh my memory about the date
- > ranges used for the
- > Nexis article research and the case law research?
- > I'm drawing a blank and
- > I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this
- > mornings Commissioner
- > briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.
- > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
- > need to submit gas receipts because use of a
- > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
- > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
- > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am
- > at the office (this afternoon).
- > Peg
- >

> -----  
 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
 > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
 > To: psims@eac.gov  
 > Subject: Question

>

> Peg:  
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> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.  
>  
> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: presentation [REDACTED]

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

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needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2?

Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: presentation

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

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in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

How did it go? Were you able to verbally correct that discrepancy we talked about the other day?  
Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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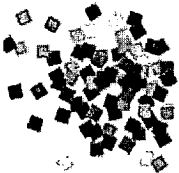
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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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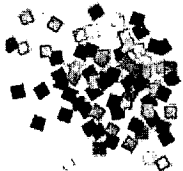
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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last election cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 9:57 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ---



Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

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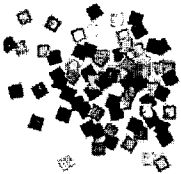
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break

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foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
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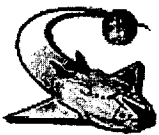


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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

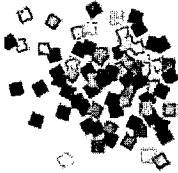
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
Elle


Elle L.K Collver  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 03:28 PM


To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group 

I have arranged for a transcriptionist to be at the meeting but I am not sure about the snacks for the break.

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05/15/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group [Link](#)

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Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject working group

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Elle

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05/15/2006 03:52 PM

To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group 

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

#### Recommendations for Future Research

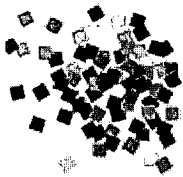
- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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"Job Serebrov"

05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

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How did you deal with the issue of mileage v. airline costs for my travel?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I signed and submitted your personal services  
> payment vouchers this  
> morning. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers 

I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" < >



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05/23/2006 09:17 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 09:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Payment Vouchers

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I signed and submitted your personal services payment vouchers this morning. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ----



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

Tova Andrea Wang  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/22/2006 03:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy



Tova voucher 4-23 --5-20 rev.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM

**To:** wang@tenet.org, [redacted]

**Subject:** Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

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Elleen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
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<assistant@sos.in.gov>; weinutr@verizon.net <weinutr@verizon.net>  
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
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dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;  
bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

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cc  
Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards [REDACTED]

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs



I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attendi the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAE0)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation [REDACTED]

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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EAC Board Status Report.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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>  
05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006

Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on your odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" 

cc

Subject Re: presentation 

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

This looks fine otherwise, but I'm not sure I understand why you included the attachments you did. They are not really representative of what we did for the project as a whole. The summaries are just meant to supplement the nexis excel charts.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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05/16/2006 03:47 PM

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cc  
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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Subject RE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectYour Materials

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05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]@psims@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]@shockglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Corrections

Should we send all of the interview summaries to the people we interviewed for review then?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** [redacted]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

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"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]@shoginlab.net>

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cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Corrections [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Question

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>

> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's  
> parking spot?

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I  
> > am  
> > at the office (this afternoon).

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"Tova Wang"

~~twang@eac.gov~~

05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:  
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** ~~twang@eac.gov~~

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
>  
>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member  
>  
> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
>  
>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet , it's not the most clear though.

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-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy



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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, [REDACTED],  
assistant@sos.in.gov, krogers@[REDACTED],  
jrperez50@[REDACTED], mhearne@[REDACTED].com,  
bginsberg@[REDACTED].com, Rbauer@[REDACTED].com,  
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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

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House Conference Report.doc



Senate Conference Report.doc

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: voucher [REDACTED]

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400  
Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

<[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <[REDACTED]>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

<[REDACTED]>

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@efora; psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]@global.net  
Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> I still think its sufficient for him to raise the  
> points verbally. All of  
> the interview summaries reflect what Job and I both  
> understood the  
> interviewees to say. This really opens to the door  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
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>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question

> Peg:

>  
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.

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> Job  
>  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: I'm sorry

Great -- thanks so much and apologies for the false alarm.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

Devon Romig  
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www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject RE: I'm sorry

Thats good. I'm probably just getting crazy, trying to make sure everything is perfect. Devon, maybe you can check? Otherwise I'll check it when it comes. Thanks. And be well Peg.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:23 AM

**To:** Tova Andrea Wang

**Subject:** Re: I'm sorry

Tova:

I think you did send this --- or is this a revised version of one you sent earlier? It should be on the CD in the packet you should receive today.. (Can't check that right now as I am at the clinic.) If I put anything on the CD that you want to highlight at the meeting, let me know and we'll make copies for those attending.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 05/15/2006 09:07 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Cc:** Devon Romig

**Subject:** I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

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05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Regards,

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To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## Existing Research Analysis

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the “second phase” of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund’s frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the “second phase” of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.

- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge  
Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
Vote and African American and challenge  
Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino  
Vote and deny and Hispanic  
Vote and deny and Latino  
Voter and Hispanic and challenge  
Voter and Latino and challenge  
Vote and Hispanic and challenge  
Vote and Latino and challenge  
Election and Hispanic and challenge  
Election and Latino and challenge  
Voter and deny and Native American  
Vote and deny and Native American  
Voter and Native American and challenge  
Vote and Native American and challenge  
Election and Native American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Asian American

Vote and deny and Asian American  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Vote and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Election and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Indian  
Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging  
Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective

Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier

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Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive  
Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
Poll inspector and intimidating  
Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
Poll judge and challenge  
Poll judge and intimidate  
Poll judge and intimidating  
Poll judge and intimidation  
Poll judge and abusive  
Poll judge and threatening  
Poll monitor and challenge  
Poll monitor and intimidate  
Poll monitor and intimidating  
Poll monitor and intimidation  
Poll monitor and abusive  
Poll monitor and threatening  
Election judge and challenge  
Election judge and intimidate  
Election judge and intimidating  
Election judge and intimidation  
Election judge and abusive

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Election judge and threatening  
Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
Election monitor and intimidating  
Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
Election observer and threatening


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc

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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

002965

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

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Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"

~~swang@tcf.org~~

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

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Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** ~~swang@tcf.org~~, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

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OK. --- Peg

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

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The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries

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represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
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Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

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I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

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**To:** [redacted] serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
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See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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Poll monitor and intimidating  
Poll monitor and intimidation  
Poll monitor and abusive  
Poll monitor and threatening  
Election judge and challenge  
Election judge and intimidate  
Election judge and intimidating  
Election judge and intimidation  
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Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
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Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
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Election observer and threatening

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Election and stealing

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Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier  
Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive  
Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating

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Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation  
Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge  
Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
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Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino

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Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon

Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging  
Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective  
Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
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Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
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Poll judge and intimidating

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Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Re: Fraud Definition

Subject

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM  
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

psims@eac.gov,  
[REDACTED]

To

cc

Subject

RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act" -----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"

06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

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"Craig C. Donsanto"

<cdonsanto@yahoo.com>

05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)  
> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com>  
> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail  
> address  
> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>  
>  
> Mike - -  
>  
> As we say back where I come from: this article is  
> "wicked pissah"!  
>  
> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end  
> has

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> been contracted with the Election Assistance  
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the  
> US.  
> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --  
> despite the fact that she has had the rare  
> opportunity  
> to interview me and get stats from me and my  
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.  
>  
> You should be most proud of this article as it  
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are  
> trying to do in this very important area of federal  
> law enforcement.

> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -

> --- "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:

> > Craig,

> > As requested, please find below The Hill article  
> on  
> > the CF&BF  
> > Initiative:

> <http://thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/052506/news4.ht>

> > ml

> > Michael

> > SSA Michael B. Elliott

> > Public Corruption/Governmental Fraud Unit

> > FBIHQ, Room 3975

> > ~~202-924-1111~~

> > ~~10-110~~

> > Craig C. Donsanto

> ~~cc.donsanto@ic.fbi.gov~~

Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

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Subject notes



Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff?  
Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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[redacted]  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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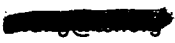
06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy



06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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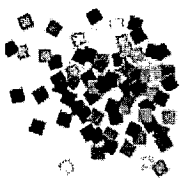
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]



Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
wang@tcf.org  
06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:jserebrov@tcf.org]  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

>

> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer

> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that

> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel

> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and

> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet

> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of

> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.

> --- Peggy

>

>

>

>

> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

>

> To

> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

>

> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.

> As

> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done

> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and  
> expand on mine this weekend.

>

> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the

> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

>

> Job

>

>

>

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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>  
> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
> ---  
> > Peggy  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
> >  
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> >  
> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: <[REDACTED]>  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
> >  
> >  
> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
> > > email  
> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > >  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > >  
> > > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
> > > AM  
> > > psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > >  
> > > Re: Re:





Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "[REDACTED]@shcglobalinc.com"  
cc  
Subject more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

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How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

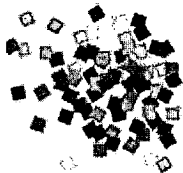
Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. Tomorrow is primary election day in VA. Still no transcript. I have taken a look at the recommendations that you sent me, but have not yet heard from Job. --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

003005

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 01:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Job Sebrevov

Peggy,

Regarding his travel for the EAC's May 18 meeting, I would concur with you that we should reimburse Mr. Serebrov in the amount of \$1200.03 for travel related expenses (hotel/mileage/per diem). Since there is a \$577.95 dollar difference in cost (travel via air vs travel via POV), I believe the \$1200.03 is more economically advantageous to the Agency. Attached is your drafted memo.



JobSerebrov\$1200.03reimbursement.pdf

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 04:45 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: travel 

Got It! You should receive a total travel reimbursement of \$1,533.02 for that trip. (I could not include the internet service fee the hotel charged, but everything else counted.) --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 



"Tova Wang"

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[Redacted]

06/09/2006 04:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Subject:** Re: travel

Send it now. Let me know how much it is, so that I can include it in the total for reimbursement. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" [Redacted]

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

06/12/2006 05:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Will Call Later

Perfect. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 4:09 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Will Call Later

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Will Call Later

Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Will Call Later

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"Tova Wang"

06/05/2006 04:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject

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recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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"Job Serebrov"

[redacted]

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To [redacted]

cc [redacted]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. --- Peggy



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To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.  
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>  
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]

003012

Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we

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> could talk then?  
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> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
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> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:  
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> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.  
> As  
> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done  
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's  
> recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.  
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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

> Job

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.

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> > Peggy

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> > > How will you be getting it to us? Will it be  
> > something you can email?  
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> > > can we set up a call for some time in the next  
> > few  
> > days? Thanks.  
> > > ----- Original Message -----  
> > > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > > To: [REDACTED]  
> > > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:35 AM  
> > > Subject: Re:  
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> > >  
> > >> Sorry. We have been swamped with other program  
> > activities and  
> > >> preparations  
> > >> for today's testimony before House Admin. We  
> > have not yet received the  
> > >> transcript of the Working Group session. Devon  
> > checked with the court  
> > >> reporter, who said it will be delivered today.  
> > --- Peggy  
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> > >> wang@tcf.org  
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> > >> 06/08/2006 09:15 To  
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> > two weeks if we can.  
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06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

To: [redacted] <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job

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> --- [redacted] wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

>> To: "Tova Wang" [redacted]

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

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>> >> Hi Job,

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>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. ---

> Peggy

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> [REDACTED]

> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: [REDACTED]

> Cc: [REDACTED]

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an

> > electronic copy. If we

> > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and email

> > it to the two of you.

> > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a brief

> > teleconference? I

> > really can't do it before then because of other

> > commitments. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

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Tova Andrea Wang  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/08/2006 05:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference [icon]

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Poll judge and intimidation  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to bring - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in

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New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----

003027

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation  
Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge

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Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
Vote and African American and challenge  
Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino  
Vote and deny and Hispanic  
Vote and deny and Latino  
Voter and Hispanic and challenge  
Voter and Latino and challenge  
Vote and Hispanic and challenge  
Vote and Latino and challenge  
Election and Hispanic and challenge  
Election and Latino and challenge  
Voter and deny and Native American  
Vote and deny and Native American  
Voter and Native American and challenge  
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Election and Native American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Asian American  
Vote and deny and Asian American  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Vote and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Election and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Indian  
Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging

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Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective  
Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier  
Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line  
  
Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive

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Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
Poll inspector and intimidating  
Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
Poll judge and challenge  
Poll judge and intimidate  
Poll judge and intimidating  
Poll judge and intimidation  
Poll judge and abusive  
Poll judge and threatening  
Poll monitor and challenge  
Poll monitor and intimidate  
Poll monitor and intimidating  
Poll monitor and intimidation  
Poll monitor and abusive  
Poll monitor and threatening  
Election judge and challenge  
Election judge and intimidate  
Election judge and intimidating  
Election judge and intimidation  
Election judge and abusive  
Election judge and threatening  
Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
Election monitor and intimidating  
Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
Election observer and threatening

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"Tova Wang"

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

002032

[REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], wang@tcr.org

Subject final report

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: final report

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is 212-362-5223. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: final report

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject RE: final report

appendices attached, except Peg I think you put together the list of the working group members? In any case, I can't find one at the moment, but it would be easy enough to put together. Perhaps even Devon or someone could do that, especially since I don't think I have any hours left, and probably shouldn't even be writing this email. I don't remember the conversation about adding to the list of interviewees, but we can talk about that later.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov' [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: final report

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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Cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

Speaking of which, does this look ok to you?

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: final report

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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

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Democracy Fellow  
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[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/19/2006 11:23 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher this morning, signed it, and submitted it to Finance. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report [PDF icon]

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM  
To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Speaking of which, does this look ok to you?  
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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: final report

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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tel:202-566-3123

----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 07/28/2006 09:27 AM -----



"Melissa Slemin"  
[Redacted]  
07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To soverton@..., dena@...,  
maidenberg@..., "GPM"  
"Kristen Engberg"  
"Michael Caudell-Feagan"  
<MCaudell-Feagan@..., "Daniel Tokaji"  
tokaji.t@..., "Charles Stewart III"  
..., klynndyson@eac.gov,  
Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, [Redacted]

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Election Fraud Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah and the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, September 29-30, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Regards,  
Melissa Slemin

+++++  
California Institute of Technology  
Voting Technology Project  
MC 228-77  
1200 E California Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91125  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]



<http://votingtechnologyproject.org> NonPres-memo.pdf

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To [Redacted]@sims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

There was no telephone conference scheduled yesterday. If you all remember, due to my current job and grandchildren situation we were unable to arrange a teleconference.

--- [Redacted] wrote:

> Whats going on? Where are we at? Thanks. Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>, "Job  
> Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 5:14 PM  
> Subject: No teleconference today  
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> > -----  
> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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[REDACTED]  
07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient;;  
cc  
Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

As some of you know, I have decided to voluntarily give up many of my voting rights and become a resident of the District of Columbia. As I will be simply transferring to The Century Foundation's DC office, my email will remain the same ([wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)). My new work contact information as of August 8 is as follows:

The Century Foundation  
1333 H Street, NW  
10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

[REDACTED]  
(202) 775-0600

I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

-----  
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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 04:59 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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To

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Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
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[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

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Peggy

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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a person just like Perez. However, given this, I would still like to know if he has a party affiliation and this brings up another issue. How is the county election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the

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Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or if he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in his/her stead and a third member picked by the party with the most constitutional officers. Practically that has meant that the Democrats have controlled election commissions in Arkansas since the end of Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the situation in Texas.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to  
> find a nonpartisan  
> local election official to serve on the Working  
> Group. The three of us  
> discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic. I  
> proposed that I find  
> someone from Texas because of that State's colorful  
> history of voting  
> fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it.  
> In those Texas  
> counties that hire Election Administrators to run  
> elections, rather than  
> having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> voter registration;  
> County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> Administrator is hired by the  
> County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> perform his or her duties in  
> a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> Texas Election Code  
> regarding election administrator hiring and  
> restrictions on partisan  
> activity.)  
> Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> familiar with voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
> Mr. Perez has over 13  
> years experience as a county Election Administrator  
> in Texas. You won't  
> find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> has kept his nose clean.  
> (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> country, prefers to  
> report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> association of Texas  
> election officials and the two largest organizations  
> of election officials  
> in this country: the International Association of  
> Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The  
> Election Center. He  
> is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> Legislative Committee for the  
> Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> currently serves on  
> IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans  
> the educational  
> sessions for election officials that are conducted

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> at that organization's  
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election  
> Center have selected  
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> his professional  
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.  
> Perez also has access  
> to information from other States through his  
> membership in IACREOT and The  
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> which you will note if you  
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> Elections web site and  
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that  
> might be useful in the  
> upcoming meeting.

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> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the  
> county had over 65  
> thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> doubled the number of  
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's  
> population claims  
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> Census Bureau. The county  
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,  
> Hays, Cladwell,  
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,  
> the county was  
> predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> years, many people have  
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> County, preferring to  
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

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> Peggy:

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> What political party is Perez with? How political is  
> he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?

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> Who  
> appointed Perez?  
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> As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked  
> off Tova's list?  
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> Job  
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05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO  
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebroy"

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum

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> Here' s his info in full:

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> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for

> the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> His contact and mailing info is:

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> [REDACTED]@lawyerscommittee.org

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> 1401 New York Avenue, NW

> Suite 400

> Washington, DC 20005

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> Tova Andrea Wang

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> The Century Foundation

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[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.

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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your

> recommendation and replace

> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact

> information for Rogers? ---

> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@net>

> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM

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> psims@eac.gov

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> Re: Good News

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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition

> today after surgery.

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> See:

> [REDACTED]

> 500 Fourth Street NW

> P.O. Box 2168

> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

>

> Fax: (505) 845-1891

> [REDACTED]@eac.gov

> [REDACTED]@eac.gov

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:

> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going

> > to

> > talk with the Chairman

> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do

> > you have contact

> > information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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- Barry Weinberg, whom you know
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- Bob Bauer, Perkins Coie, DC (Democrat attorney)
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I am trying to recruit one other Republican attorney, Patrick Rogers, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris and Sisk, NM, who was recommended by our Republican consultant. He would replace an original member who is no longer available.

I know that Barbara has associated at conferences and in legislative efforts with Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Also, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights is listed as on of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see [http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive\\_commitee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_commitee.html)).

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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

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Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

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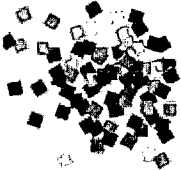
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cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting 

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

~~psims@eac.gov~~

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel 

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
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dscott@eac.gov

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05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO  
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX  
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must

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take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.  
> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be

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> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.  
>  
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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>  
> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose  
> money.  
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>  
> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
> >  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> >  
> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
> >  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
> > >  
> > > Working Group Members  
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > > the  
> > > nonpartisan local  
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > > no  
> > > objections to him. He  
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > > Pat  
> > > Rogers office, but  
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
> > > any  
> > > pull with him, you  
> > > may want to contact him, too.  
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> > > Travel Arrangements  
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
> > > for  
> > > hours actually worked on  
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
> > >  
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> > > hotel taxes (if you  
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> > > rates that are a little  
> > > higher)  
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that  
> > > it  
> > > is  
> > > \$48 on the first and  
> > > last day of travel)  
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445  
> > > per  
> > > mile  
> > >  
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill  
> > > out  
> > > a  
> > > travel authorization  
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in  
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the  
> > > airline  
> > > receipt (or mileage  
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
>  
> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
>  
> Job  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> > got to pick three  
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> > guidance regarding this  
> > particular member follows:  
> >  
> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
> >  
> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> > Tova's  
> > pick.  
> >  
> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
>  
> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
> >  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> >  
> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > >  
> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > > >  
> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
> > > >





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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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To psims@eac.gov

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05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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--- Peg

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Peggy Sims  
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To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition [REDACTED]

I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the WG will have suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you and Tova containing the same materials being provided to the WG. I haven't sent anything yet because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for inclusion. (Still waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)

Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a very short meeting after the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference the following Monday afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll be out of the office attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that day. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
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05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

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Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy



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05/12/2006 03:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I have placed another call to his office (after one previous call to his assistant and an email to him). I, too, am concerned about our dwindling chances. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

Given the short time period, you may want to give Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer our chances are of getting Braden.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/12/2006 02:33 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition  
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> Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes, the  
> > WG will have  
> > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you and  
> > Tova containing the  
> > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > sent anything yet  
> > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > inclusion. (Still  
> > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> >  
> > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > very short meeting after  
> > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference the  
> > following Monday  
> > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll be  
> > out of the office  
> > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin that  
> > day. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> packets  
> > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



"Tova Wang"  
[redacted]  
04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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[redacted]  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

The bio for JR Perez tells us very little about him and there is pretty much nothing about him on the web. Can you tell us more about him and how you decided on him? Thanks. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:27 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

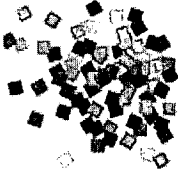
Subject Re: Court reporter 

Thanks for checking this out for me, Devon. I've asked Tom if there are funds available for this service. Our consultants were very enthusiastic about the idea. --- Peg

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:26 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy,

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Can I help on this working group?

Elle

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05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, rmartinez@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov, ghillman@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.  
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Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Good News

Job:

Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to talk with the Chairman today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do you have contact information for Rogers? --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:20 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject

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RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project. I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition [REDACTED]

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: invoice 

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

- (1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and
- (2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
swang@tcf.org  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

Can you please check this before I fax it? Thanks! And can we talk sometime today?

Tova Andrea Wang  
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To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

Tova Andrea Wang  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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To psims@eac.gov

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: wg

Thats great news. What happens with respect to hotels? Should I make my own arrangements? I expect Job and I will want to stay the nights of the 17th and 18th. Thanks Pegs. And congratulations.

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To:

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 5:47 PM

Subject: Re: wg

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 > Tova:  
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 > Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not  
 > disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a  
 > replacement for Norcross.  
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 > Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be  
 > unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that  
 > morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and  
 > Job  
 > regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

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