



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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[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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:11 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc wilkey@eac.gov

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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"

[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

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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.

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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

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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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**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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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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@eac.gov> [REDACTED] INTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

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

To psims@eac.gov  
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To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
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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

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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.

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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" [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?

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>> 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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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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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"

001716



[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  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

[REDACTED]  
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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  
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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed [icon]

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  
 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  
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"Job Serebry"  
 [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 [icon]

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

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 [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  
> 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]  
>  
> Visit our Web site, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].org/>  
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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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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org

**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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----- 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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07/17/2006 09:33 AM

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CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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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

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"Tova Wang"

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

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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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To [redacted]  
cc  
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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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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 [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

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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  
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>  
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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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

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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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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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> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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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.

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**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"

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

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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]

> [REDACTED]

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> Suite 400

> Washington, DC 20005

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> Tova Andrea Wang

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> Visit our Web site, <[REDACTED]> />  
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> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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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

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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:  
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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]  
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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]  
> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED]  
> [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  
> > information for Rogers? --- Peggy  
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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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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  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To dromig@eac.gov

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

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Subject Re: Working Group Travel 

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

Diana M. Scott  
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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:  
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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.  
> 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.

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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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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 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:  
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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.  
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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.  
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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,  
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> > > 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"

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.

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"Job Serebrov"

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:  
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> > 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.  
> >  
> > 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" <[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 <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

>>>> The Century Foundation

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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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??

-----  
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

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

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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"

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"Job Serebrov" < >



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05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, 

cc

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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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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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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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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> > 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

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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  
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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

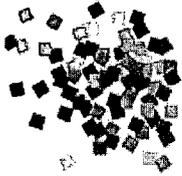
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Subject Re: Court reporter 

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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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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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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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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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 [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  
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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:

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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hotel@trans.priceline.com

To psims@eac.gov

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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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----- 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

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

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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"  
<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:  
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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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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

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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  
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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

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

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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

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
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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05/03/2006 12:40 PM

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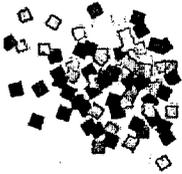
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

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

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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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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

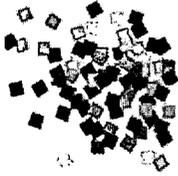
Devon:

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,

Devon Romig  
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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:  
>  
> 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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