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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,

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

Democracy Fellow
The Century Foundation
[redacted]

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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:
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> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
> 41/2 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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> > 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 wiil 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
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

happened so fast! --- Peggy
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

"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 [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?
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> -----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
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> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
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> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
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> that position since I am one down.
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> --- Tova Wang <[redacted]> wrote:
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> > Here' s his info in full:
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> > 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
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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.

--- 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
> > 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
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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?
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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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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
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc
Subject RE: new working group representative

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

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
> psims@eac.gov
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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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> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
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> > "Tova Wang" [redacted]psims@eac.gov
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[redacted]

05/05/2006 06:08 PM

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

For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

----- 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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Peggy

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[redacted]

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
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To: [redacted]

Cc: dromig@eac.gov
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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 -----

"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
> [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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> > 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]
> > [redacted]
> > Suite 400
> > Washington, DC 20005
> >
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> >
> > Tova Andrea Wang
> > Democracy Fellow
> > The Century Foundation
> > [redacted]
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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"

[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

---- 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

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
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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

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
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> FYI
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> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" [redacted]
> wrote:
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> > 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]
> > [redacted]
> > P.O. Box 2168
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168
> > [redacted]
> > [redacted]

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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]
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> > 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
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" <[redacted]>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <[redacted]>

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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cc
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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

"Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

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[redacted]
05/12/2006 02:33 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

> > 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
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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?
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> > Job
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<[redacted]>
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To psims@eac.gov
cc

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]

--- 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:
>
> 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"
[redacted]
05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: research summaries

I did send yout 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
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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

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"
<[redacted]>

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

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Thanks for your help!

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To dromig@eac.gov
cc psims@eac.gov
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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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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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

"Tova Wang"[redacted]

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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:

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.

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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"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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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

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Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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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[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

----- 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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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
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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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To "Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Working Group

Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 41/2 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]t>

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]g
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:
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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.
> 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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"Job Serebrov"
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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
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
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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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05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
cc
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

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

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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

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
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(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"
[redacted]
08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov
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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: bibiliographic 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

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Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.
----- Original Message -----
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To: <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM
Subject: Re: direct deposit

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Subject John TAnner Comments

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To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov" <jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>
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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

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
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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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

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
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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 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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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
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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"Wendy Weiser"

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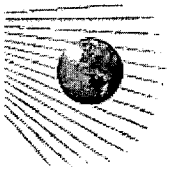

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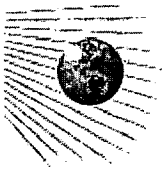

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09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Speech

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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: 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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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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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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?

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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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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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
10/11/2006 02:06 PM

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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

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- 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.

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"Carrera, James A" [redacted]

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To psims@eac.gov
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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

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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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter

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I will IF they sign off on it

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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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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine
[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

Art Levine
Senior Fellow
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Washington, D.C. 20008
[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.

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 [redacted]
cc
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

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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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

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 dopes not involve corruption of them 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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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?

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

"Donsanto, Craig"
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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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"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

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
[redacted]

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

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.)

--- 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

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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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.

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.

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

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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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

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 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]

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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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

10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine
[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

Art Levine
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Progressive Poliy Institute
[redacted]
Washington, D.C. 20008
[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.

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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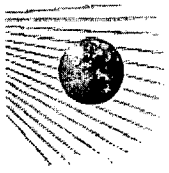

Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV
09/27/2006 12:36 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
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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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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To twilkey@eac.gov
cc jthompson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov, 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.

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
cc twilkey@eac.gov
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"
[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 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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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

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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

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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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

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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]t>

"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

> 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
>
>

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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.

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]
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
[redacted]
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[redacted]

----- 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

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 culimation 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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