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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Various

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

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

From: <wang@tcf.org>

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

Cc: "Tova Wang"

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

Subject: Re: Various

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

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[REDACTED]>

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

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

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

>> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Travel Funds

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

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



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

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

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

[REDACTED]



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06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [REDACTED]

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



Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

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

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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

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

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

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

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

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07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

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Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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"Job Serebrov"

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

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

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

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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[REDACTED]

07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc: [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

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

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

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

002111

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

"Tova Wang [REDACTED]"

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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

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

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

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

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

> Tova

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> Tova Andrea Wang

> Democracy Fellow

> The Century Foundation

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> Visit our Web site, [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED] for the latest news,

> analysis, opinions, and events.

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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"
cc [REDACTED] AL
Subject Re: Travel Funds [icon]

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G
OV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 10:55 AM

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

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

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

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

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

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

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

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

Peg

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

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

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

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07/10/2006 02:29 PM

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

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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

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

Peg

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From: Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins
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To: Margaret Sims
Cc: Thomas Wilkey
Subject: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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before I did.

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

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins

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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

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

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

Peg

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

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

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

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07/10/2006 02:29 PM

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

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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

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

Peg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/30/2006 05:25 PM
To "Tova Wang" wang@t...
cc: ...
Subject Re: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]



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

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject FW: methodology

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

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

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

Agreed

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- > interest in the risk analysis
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

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

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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



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

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

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

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

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

> That would be great on the contract.

>

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

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

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

> From: <psims@eac.gov>
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM
> Subject: Re: Various

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

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

>> Peg
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>> -----
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM
>> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]
>> Subject: Various

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

>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ
>> electoral investigations.
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>> Job
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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

From: Job Serebrov <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

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

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

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

07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report [REDACTED]

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

"Tova Wang"



002124



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

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

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

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

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

Peg:

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

Job

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

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

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

> -----
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM
> To: psims@eac.gov
> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

> Peg:
>
> I checked my account this morning (July 5th) and
> this
> still has not been paid. Did GSA mail it?

> Job
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07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

Tova and Job:

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

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 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100
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 email: psims@eac.gov

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

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

Peg:

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

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: FW: methodology

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

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

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

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

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

[REDACTED]

07/01/2006 05:30
PM

psims@eac.gov

[REDACTED]

Re: FW: methodology

To

cc

Subject

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

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

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

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"Tova Wang"
[REDACTED]
07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: final report

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

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov
CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Subject final report

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher today, signed it, and gave it to Finance. --- Peggy
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
07/17/2006 12:25 PM

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

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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

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



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>



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

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

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

[redacted] Thanks.

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM
To: [redacted]
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[REDACTED]
07/17/2006 10:36 AM

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

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
phone: 212-405-5050

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/19/2006 11:23 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Voucher

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

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO V 07/17/2006 10:18 AM	To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC cc Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report
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That's good.
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins
General Counsel
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 566-3100
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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

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

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

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

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



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

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

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

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

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

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tel:202-566-3123

----- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 07/28/2006 09:27 AM -----



"Melissa Slemin"

[Redacted] >
07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To soverton@[Redacted] dena@[Redacted] net,
maidenberg@[Redacted] g, "GPM" <[Redacted]>
"Kristen Engberg" <[Redacted]>
"Michael Caudell-Feagan" <[Redacted]>
[Redacted] "Daniel Tokaji"
[Redacted] "Charles Stewart III"
[Redacted]
Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, tman@[Redacted]

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

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

Regards,
Melissa Slemin

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



<http://votingtechnologyproject.org> NonPres-memo.pdf

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]
07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To [Redacted] psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

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

--- [Redacted] wrote:

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

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

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

Dear friends and colleagues,

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

The Century Foundation
[REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20005
[REDACTED]

I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang
Democracy Fellow
The Century Foundation

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

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

The 3rd batch.
Peg Sims

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

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

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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05/03/2006 04:59 PM

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cc

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

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

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: dromig@eac.gov

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

Subject: Working Group

Hi, Folks:

Teleconference

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

Working Group Members

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

Travel Arrangements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 03:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

Craig:

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

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

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

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



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

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

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

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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05/09/2006 11:33 AM

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

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

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> at that organization's
> conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election
> Center have selected
> his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
> his professional
> practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr.
> Perez also has access
> to information from other States through his
> membership in IACREOT and The
> Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
> which you will note if you
> access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> Elections web site and
> hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that
> might be useful in the
> upcoming meeting.

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> Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the
> county had over 65
> thousand registered voters (a number more than
> doubled the number of
> registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's
> population claims
> Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
> Census Bureau. The county
> is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal,
> Hays, Cladwell,
> Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s,
> the county was
> predominately a farming community; but in recent
> years, many people have
> moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> County, preferring to
> live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc

> Subject
> Re: Working Group

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> Peggy:

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

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> Who
> appointed Perez?
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> As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise
> anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked
> off Tova's list?
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> Job
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

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

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel, and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

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

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

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

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

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

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Today's Teleconference

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

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative

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

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

> is Jon Greenbaum

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> Here' s his info in full:

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> [REDACTED]

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> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for

> the Lawyers Committee

> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara

> Arnwine, the Executive

> Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> His contact and mailing info is:

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> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> Washington, DC 20005

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> Tova Andrea Wang

> Democracy Fellow

> The Century Foundation

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> 41 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021
> [REDACTED] 75-7534
>
> Visit our Web site, <[REDACTED]>
> [REDACTED] for the latest news,
> analysis, opinions, and events.
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> _____
>
> <mailto:psims@eac.gov>
> Click here to receive our
> weekly e-mail updates.
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
05/11/2006 02:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

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

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

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

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.

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

> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

>

> Subject

> Re: Good News

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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition
> today after surgery.

>

> See:

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> patrogers@modrall.com

>

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

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/05/2006 12:09 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

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

Does this information help? --- Peggy

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

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To: psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

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

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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

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Craig:

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

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

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

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

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To
 psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject
 Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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

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

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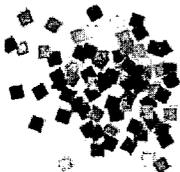
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting 



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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject May 18 Meeting

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

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

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

Job

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Subject Re: Working Group Travel

Peggy,

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

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

Diana M. Scott
Administrative Officer
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(202) 566-3127 (fax)
dscott@eac.gov

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05/05/2006 05:34 PM

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

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO
J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX
The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

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

Peggy:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

> Peggy Sims
> Election Research Specialist
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100
> Washington, DC 20005
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120
> (direct)
> Fax: 202-566-3127
> email: psims@eac.gov

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

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

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

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

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

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

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:50 PM

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3
Vote buying: 25
Double voting: 15
Registration fraud: 29
Absentee ballot fraud: 9
Official: 8
Ineligibles: 4
Deceptive Practices: 1
Civil Rights: 14
Intimidation: 6
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8
Official: 12
Registration Fraud: 12
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14
Ineligible Voting: 3
Intimidation: 8
Double Voting: 5
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1
Vote Buying: 14
Ballot/machine tampering: 2
Other: 8
Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

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

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
The Century Foundation

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

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

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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[REDACTED]
05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing_research_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~
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> Are you talking about this?

> J~
>
> --- [REDACTED]:
>

>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go
>> into the office over the weekend, which is
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
>
05/11/2006 02:55 PM

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

Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that therefore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group
Importance: High

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Craig:

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

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



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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
>

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that there3fore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group
Importance: High

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:
>
> Teleconference
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next
> Tuesday afternoon at
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> please suggest another
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> preparations for the
> Working Group meeting.
>
> Working Group Members
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the
> nonpartisan local
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> Administrator for Guadalupe
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no
> objections to him. He
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat
> Rogers office, but
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any
> pull with him, you
> may want to contact him, too.
>
> Travel Arrangements
> You should make your own travel arrangements,
> including hotel. Travel
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> hours actually worked on
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> preparation for the meeting,
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
>
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include
> hotel taxes (if you
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> rates that are a little
> higher)
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is
> \$48 on the first and
> last day of travel)
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$.445 per
> mile

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>
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a
> travel authorization
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> Afterwards, when you turn in
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> receipt (or mileage
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> transportation receipts and a
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> total travel expenses due
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> meal receipts.
>
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> for personal reasons are
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,
> however, is to give me a
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,
> and per diem of doing
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,
> ground transportation,
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> should be no problem to
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,
> we may only pay up to
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> apply to me when I
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> you will spend the
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
>
> Peggy
>
>

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has
> vacancies and pillow top beds.
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.
>
>
>
>

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
>
> Subject
> Latham
>
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>
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

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

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Update

Peggy:

Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still no good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not workable.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eacon@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc jthompson@eac.gov
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG
Gavin S. Gilmour
Associate General Counsel
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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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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

~~_____~~
08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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From: Tova Wang [mailto:wang@tcf.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM
To: psims@eac.gov
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; [REDACTED]
Subject: bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.
 Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang
 Democracy Fellow
 The Century Foundation
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

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

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Lit review in bibliographic form.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



[REDACTED]
 08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

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

>
 > Tova:
 >
 > I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the
 > form you requested. --- Peggy
 >
 > (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)
 >

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject John Tanner Comments

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"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"
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To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>

08/10/2006 12:29 PM

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Cameron P. Quinn
Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice
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202-305-9750

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/10/2006 01:55 PM -----

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

Peggy Sims
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VF-VI Study Status 5-17-06.pdf

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Interview Request 

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Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Jeannie Layson
Sent: 10/11/2006 10:15 AM
To: Paul DeGregorio
Cc: Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims
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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV
10/11/2006 11:34 AM

To: Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Do we have a policy on distributing the items she is requesting?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 10/11/2006 11:33 AM -----



"Wendy Weiser"

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[Redacted]
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov
cc
Subject request for reports

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser
Deputy Director, Democracy Program
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[Redacted signature block]

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Has the working group met since the preliminary report was given to the Standards Bd?

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Margaret Sims

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

From: Margaret Sims
Sent: 10/11/2006 12:34 PM
To: Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Amie Sherrill; Juliet Hodgkins; Bryan Whitener; Tamar Nedzar
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV



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bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The working group met prior to the meeting of the EAC boards, but too late for its deliberations to be summarized in the written status report on the project that was delivered to the boards. The status report notes that a meeting of the working group was about to be held to review the research so far and make recommendations. ----- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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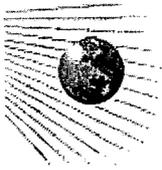
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10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Interview Request 

Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

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

From: Jeannie Layson
Sent: 10/11/2006 10:15 AM
To: Paul DeGregorio
Cc: Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims
Subject: Interview Request

Mr. Chairman,

Will Lester of the Associated Press wants to interview you briefly via phone about the preliminary fraud report. I recommend you accomodate him, as he has dutifully covered EAC, and plans to include us in a story next week about the election lanscape. He has requested a copy of the preliminary report, which I am sending to him. He only needs a few minutes, and as we discussed, i think the message is that these are preliminary findings that we presented to our advisory boards to get their input. When the final report is complete, we will release it. You can also use some of the talking pts from your speech, such as the challenge related to the very definition of the term "fraud," as people define it differently. How about I set it up for noon?

The only question he asked that I don't know the answer to is when we expect the final report. Peg...

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please weigh in on this.

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09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to give on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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Bryan Whitener

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From: Bryan Whitener
Sent: 10/11/2006 11:34 AM
To: Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Jeannie Layson; Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Juliet Hodgkins
Subject: Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

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"Wendy Weiser"

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Sincerely,

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Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.

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08/22/2006 02:09 PM

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

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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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

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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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To: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 02:06 PM

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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10/13/2006 01:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re: Funding 

Peggy,

Could you give Jeannie a call she needs some help fashioning a statment regarding the USA Today article since Tova and Job are hoping mad

Thanks

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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]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

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

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To Bryan Whitener
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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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I will IF they sign off on it

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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