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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

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> Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP,
> so that I can forward
> it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me
> with a prompt
> response, which I will forward to you.
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"Tova Wang"
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To psims@eac.gov
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [redacted].net>, "'Tova Wang'"
[redacted]
Subject working group agenda

Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang
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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in
> attending the meeting. Due
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at
> the week of May 15.
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "'Job Serebrov"[redacted]
cc
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..
Peg

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy
cc
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov
cc
Subject Working Group Contact Info

Please review the attached and let me know of any corrections that should be made. Thanks! --- Peggy

Work Group Contact Info.xls

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy
]
"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov >
04/03/2006 03:16 PM

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

Hello Peg!

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

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

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

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

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

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

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [redacted]
Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

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To "Tova Wang"[redacted]
cc [redacted]
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"[redacted]

"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov,[redacted]
cc
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

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That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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[redacted]

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]> "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if thats because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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[redacted]
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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

From: Helen Jamison
To: Tony J. Sirvello III
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM
Subject: RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----
From: Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM
To: Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon
Subject: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

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Thanks,

Tony

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From: psims@eac.gov
To: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM
Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. --- Peg

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The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweeked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regretably not public at present.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

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

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

To
psims@eac.gov

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Subject
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The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it our in a couple months.

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Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled "July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see them, just let me know.

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To Edgardo Cortes
cc
Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, **Colleen McAndrews** (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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Thank you.

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To: Kevin Kennedy
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us]
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

meeting.

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM
To: Kevin Kennedy
Subject: Interview

Kevin:
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?
Peggy Sims

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc psims@eac.gov
Subject conf call is up and running

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito
Research Assistant
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100
Washington, DC
202.566.2209 phone
202.566.3128 fax

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To [redacted]
cc [redacted]
Subject Re: doj training materials

Tova:
I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

[redacted]

[redacted]

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [redacted], "Tova Wang" [redacted]

Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if thats because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig
United States Election Assistance Commission

1225 New York Ave Suite #1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
202.566.3100

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]t>
04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY
> 06 contracts for the
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang
cc
Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]t>
04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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> [redacted]
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> "Tova Wang" <[redacted]
> Subject
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang
cc
Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy

FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if
> things have settled down
> for her enough so that she would be available. I
> have had no response to
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can
> try again, but I have to
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday
> this week, on another
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in
> Seattle. Were you able
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?
>
> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to
> reserve some of your
> time for the working group meeting and the
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
> cc
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "'Job Serebrov'"[redacted]psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

We could skim it

-----Original Message-----
From: Job Serebrov [[redacted]net]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang <[redacted]ote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using
> for the trainings?
> Thanks Peg.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM
> To: [redacted]
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes
> Initiative
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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy
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> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----
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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
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> Peg - -
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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the
> Department's Ballot Access and
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on
> Thursday announced that FBI
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign
> financing offenses. The main

> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the
> priority these cases
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's
> 57 Field Divisions will
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who
> will be the equivalent of
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been
> training these new
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of
> them in Denver in a
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out
> to Portland, Oregon for
> more of the same.
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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM
> To: Donsanto, Craig
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes
> Initiative
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> Hi, Craig:
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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative
> against election crimes (see
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it
> more of the same
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If
> it is new, would you
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to
> answer any questions
> they may have on the initiative?
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> Peggy Sims
> Election Research Specialist
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100
> Washington, DC 20005
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120
> (direct)
> Fax: 202-566-3127
> email: psims@eac.gov
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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
04/17/2006 10:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

Peggy:

This is incorrect. Our project ends May 31. This
month's invoice is due on April 21 and is invoice
number 3. Invoice number 4 is due at the end od May.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
cc
Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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--- Peggy

[redacted]

04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc "Tova Wang" [redacted]
Subject donsanto again

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"Job Serebrov" [redacted]

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"
[redacted]
04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

Tony

----- Original Message -----
From: psims@eac.gov
To: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto
cc
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[redacted]

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cc "Tova Wang" [redacted]
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"Tony J. Sirvello III"
[redacted]

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

----- Original Message -----
From: psims@eac.gov
To: Tony Sirvello
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:
We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at arond 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tony J. Sirvello III" [redacted]
Sent: 04/07/2006 08:52 AM
To: Margaret Sims
Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.
Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

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

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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§ 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

(1) the county judge, as chair;

(2) the county clerk, as vice chair;

(3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and

(4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

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

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant
by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> [redacted]
> Subject
> Re: Working Group-Perez
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and
> this brings up another issue. How is the county
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> if
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> situation in Texas.
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> to
> > find a nonpartisan
> > local election official to serve on the Working
> > Group. The three of us
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.
> I
> > proposed that I find
> > someone from Texas because of that State's
> colorful
> > history of voting
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> it.
> > In those Texas
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run
> > elections, rather than
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > voter registration;
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > familiar with voting fraud
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.
>
> > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

> > association of Texas
> > election officials and the two largest
> organizations
> > of election officials
> > in this country: the International Association of
> > Clerks, Recorders,
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
> The
> > Election Center. He
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the
> > Legislative Committee for the
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He
> > currently serves on
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which
> plans
> > the educational
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted
> > at that organization's
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The
> Election
> > Center have selected
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
> > his professional
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.
> Mr.
> > Perez also has access
> > to information from other States through his
> > membership in IACREOT and The
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
> > which you will note if you
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> > Elections web site and
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
> that
> > might be useful in the
> > upcoming meeting.
> >
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,
> the
> > county had over 65
> > thousand registered voters (a number more than
> > doubled the number of
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the
> county's
> > population claims
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
> > Census Bureau. The county
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
> Comal,
> > Hays, Cladwell,
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the
> 1980s,
> > the county was
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent
> > years, many people have
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> > County, preferring to
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.
> >
> > --- Peggy
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> > "Job Serebrov" [redacted]>
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"
[redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [redacted]

"Weinberg and Utrecht"
[redacted]
04/27/2006 07:56 AM

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

Peggy:
You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.
Barry

----- Original Message -----
From: psims@eac.gov
To: Barry Weinberg
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Weinberg and Utrecht" [redacted]
Sent: 04/04/2006 08:14 AM
To: Margaret Sims
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:
May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.
Barry

----- Original Message -----
From: psims@eac.gov
To: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
cc
Subject Re: new working group representative

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/11/2006 04:35 PM

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

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enought to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
>
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
>
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
>
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
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> Subject
> Re: new working group representative
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> I really don't care if he represents the
> organization
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> going
> to invite him without first having a replacement for
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> discuss
> all of this.
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> > her. He works for her
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
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> > "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
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> > To
> > "Tova Wang" <[redacted], psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > [redacted]
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize
> he
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> > fill
> > that position since I am one down.

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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:
> >
> > > is Jon Greenbaum
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> > > Here' s his info in full:
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[redacted]
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
> > > the Lawyers Committee
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing
> Barbara
> > > Arnwine, the Executive
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
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> > > His contact and mailing info is:
> > >
> > > [redacted]
> > > [redacted]
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW
> > > Suite 400
> > > Washington, DC 20005
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> > >
> > > Tova Andrea Wang
> > > Democracy Fellow
> > > The Century Foundation
> > > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021
> > > [redacted]
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> > > Visit our Web site, [redacted]
> > > [redacted], for the latest news,
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Literature Summary

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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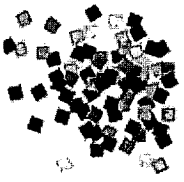

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To [redacted]
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:13 AM

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

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

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

--- Peggy

tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]

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

To psims@eac.gov
cc
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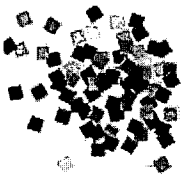

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.

Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

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To psims@eac.gov
cc
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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our partcipants after I get
> back to the office, and we can have copies available
> at the meeting.
> Peggy
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: wang
> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM
> To: psims@eac.gov
> Cc: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]
> Subject: Fw: research summary
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> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include
> so as I said I'll just
> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>
> To: <[redacted]
> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM
> Subject: Re: research summary
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> > T~
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> > Are you talking about this?
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> > J~
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> > --- [redacted]rote:
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> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that
> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the
> >> existing literature review (that Job, you
> approved)
> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go
> >> into the office over the weekend, which is
> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,
> I'll
> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to
> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM
To: [redacted]t
Subject: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

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Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

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Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----
From: psims@eac.gov
To: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net
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Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the

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The first item is not as big a deal as the second one: the processes under which subjects of investigations come to Jesus is not as important as the overall assessment of our law enforcement achievements. But stressing the isolated test cases we brought - - and will continue to being - - to deter things like felon voting, alien voting and double voting, which not mentioning such significant achievements as the five case PROJECTS mentioned in my last e-mail - - misrepresents what we are doing and the deterrent message we are trying to communicate.

I appreciate that these two young peop0le may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concerns is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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Subject: Re: Your Materials

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who re3ceive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Re: Tent Cards

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy

Working Group Attendees 5-18-06.doc

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV
05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Re: Tent Cards

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
cc
Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,
Natalie

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov
Subject Re: press interview

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

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To psims@eac.gov
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

05/16/2006 09:43 AM

Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Thank you for this, Peg.

The third bullet point is one I embrace fully. We lack the statutory took to do the job. Hopefully, that can be remedied through legislation. But as things stand today large loopholes in the federal legal matrix addressing electoral abuse and fraud exist - - particularly when such abuses occur in elections where there were no federal candidates on the ballot.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 8:44 AM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

Existing Research Analysis

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.

- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.

- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.

- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.

- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.

- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

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

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>; Rbauer@perkinscoie.com <Rbauer@perkinscoie.com>; bginsberg@pattonboggs.com <bginsberg@pattonboggs.com>; mhearne@lathropgage.com <mhearne@lathropgage.com>; [redacted] krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov <assistant@sos.in.gov>; [redacted]
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>; vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>; dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>; bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto
cc
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy

EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]>
05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc
Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please refresh my memory about the date
> ranges used for the
> Nexis article research and the case law research?
> I'm drawing a blank and
> I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this
> mornings Commissioner
> briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ----

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's
parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am
> at the office (this afternoon).
> Peg
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM
> To: psims@eac.gov
> Subject: Question
>

> Peg:
>
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my
> car
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to
> retain food receipts.
>
> Job
>
>
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]
cc
Subject RE: presentation

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]

"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang"[redacted]

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: presentation

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject presentation

How did it go? Were you able to verbally correct that discrepancy we talked about the other day? Thanks. Tova

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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC
Subject working group

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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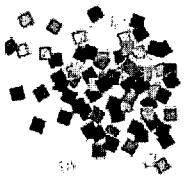

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 02:25 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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Subject Re: working group

Sounds great. It did seem to work just fine for our Asian Language group. Is there going to be a transcriptionist? If so, has anyone taken care of that?

Did you still want to provide the cookies or snacks, or shall I get that from Cafe Mozart (where I am planning to get the coffee). I can just buy a few boxes of cookies for the break.

Elle

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05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Re: working group Link

Elle:
I think our number will be about 21 (with the Working Group members, consultants, possible EAC Commissioners and staff, and the court reporter). I'll have a better idea of the final list after I brief Commissioners tomorrow morning. Devon noted that they used only tent cards for the Asian Language Working Group. That might be sufficient for this group and would cut back on some of the work we have

to do in preparation. --- Peggy

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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last elect ion cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 9:57 AM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy
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Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break

foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,
Elle

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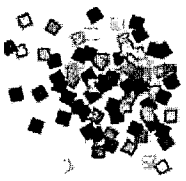

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/22/2006 05:01 PM

To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero
cc
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 04:37 PM

To Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group
cc jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org, vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org, dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com, bschuler@lathropgage.com, Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
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Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV
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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: working group

I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,
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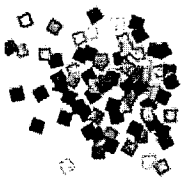

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 03:28 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
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To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Eileen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: working group

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov
cc
Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation

- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints

- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review

- Reearch absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting

- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?

➢ Analyze
- Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
- Federal observer reports
- Local newspapers

➢ Academic statistical research

➢ Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud

➢ Research State district court actions

➢ Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys

➢ Explore the concept of election courts

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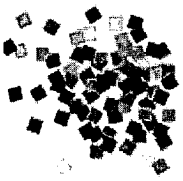

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.

Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

Tova Andrea Wang
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/22/2006 03:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: voucher

Tova:
Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/16/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
cc

Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM
To: psims@eac.gov
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>; Rbauer@perkinscoie.com <Rbauer@perkinscoie.com>; bginsberg@pattonboggs.com <bginsberg@pattonboggs.com>; mhearne@lathropgage.com <mhearne@lathropgage.com>; [redacted] krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov <assistant@sos.in.gov>; weinutr@verizon.net <weinutr@verizon.net>
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Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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05/17/2006 03:02 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. --- Peggy

EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

"Tova Wang"

[redacted]

05/26/2006 10:41 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov
Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attendi the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>; "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,
Natalie

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

EAC Board Status Report.doc

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

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05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

Standards Board. --- Peggy
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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
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05/17/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov
cc
Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:
The federal mileage rate for POVs is **$.445 per mile** (see http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&ooid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT). Write down the number on you odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: presentation

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Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

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[redacted]
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

This looks fine otherwise, but I'm not sure I understand why you included the attachments you did. They are not really representative of what we did for the project as a whole. The summaries are just meant to supplement the nexis excel charts.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM
To: [redacted]
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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov >
05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:27 AM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Your Materials

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who re3ceive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
cc
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
cc
Subject RE: Corrections

Should we send all of the interview summaries to the people we interviewed for review then?

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:30 AM
To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Corrections

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait
> until the Chairman returns
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of
> the parking pass. I
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling
> me our toll-free line
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM
> EST, so that we can
> talk about this. --- Peg
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>
> "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
>
> Subject
> Re: Question
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> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's
> parking spot?
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > You will need to submit hotel and parking
> receipts.
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I
> am
> > at the office (this afternoon).

> > Peg
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> > ---
> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
> > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM
> > To: psims@eac.gov
> > Subject: Question
> >
> > Peg:
> >
> > Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts,
> do
> > you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my
> > car
> > use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have
> to
> > retain food receipts.
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> > Job
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

> -----Original Message-----
> **From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM
> **To:** [redacted]
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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/15/2006 09:28 AM

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

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.
> Peggy
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> ---
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Paul DeGregorio
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member
>
> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Margaret Sims
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC
> Subject: New Working Group Member

>
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for
> David Norcross, who was
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter
> Intimidation Working
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with
> you on this beforehand
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ------ I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet , it's not the most clear though.

Laiza N. Otero
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U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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Fax (202) 566-3128

-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov
cc
Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV
05/18/2006 04:36 PM

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.