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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc "'Job Serebrov'" <[redacted]>
Subject Re: outline of final report

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

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"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

"Tova Wang"
<[redacted]>
06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "'Job Serebrov'" <[redacted]>
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Subject outline of final report

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To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Travel Pay

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

Thanks,

Job

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

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

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To Tova Andrea Wang
cc
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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

Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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Subject Re: Various

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

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[redacted]
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To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
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Subject Re: Various

Peg:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> that the paragraph has already raised red flags in
> DC of and is likely to result in an edit. Enough
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> if our Contracting Officer will approve a contract
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To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc dromig@eac.gov, [redacted]@sbcglobal.net
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

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

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
06/23/2006 01:04 PM

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

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

-----Original Message-----
From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM
To: psims@eac.gov
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" <carolthomasreporting@cox.net>

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

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

Dear EAC,

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

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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"Job Serebrov"
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To [redacted]sims@eac.gov
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Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

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To [redacted]psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Methodology for Cases

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/27/2006 04:05 PM

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

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?
I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov
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It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

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

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

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

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
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[redacted]

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"Job Serebrov"
<[redacted]>
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

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Job

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

To Thomas Wilkey
cc
Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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

To [redacted] psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.
----- Original Message -----
From: <wang@tcf.org>
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: "Tova Wang" [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
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To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Fw: Travel Funds

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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

Bola Olu
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov
cc
Subject Payments for Personal Services

Job:

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

Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To [redacted]

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

Subject Re: Various

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

[redacted]

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [redacted]

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

Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

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

Job

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
07/03/2006 12:19 PM

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

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

To "Tova Wang" [redacted]
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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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

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

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

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

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

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject FW: methodology

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

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

Agreed

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed
> interest in the risk analysis
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on
> voting machines employs
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the
> attached, it provides a
> potential model. I think it might be worth
> including this as an appendix or
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me
> know what you think.
> Tova
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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"
[redacted]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: Travel Funds

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

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07/02/2006 09:34 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
07/11/2006 12:05 PM

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

I think it is this one. --- Peggy

EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins
General Counsel
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Washington, DC 20005
(202) 566-3100
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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

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

Why don' we discuss this with Tanner (and Donsanto) after we have had a chance to review a consolidated draft of the final report? We can determine what clarifications or corrections are necessary at that time.

Peg

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

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

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

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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

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

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

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07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>
Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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

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

Why don' we discuss this with Tanner (and Donsanto) after we have had a chance to review a consolidated draft of the final report? We can determine what clarifications or corrections are necessary at that time.

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

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

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Perhaps he was looking at the report that was delivered to the EAC boards. Let's find out what his concerns are so that we can address them.
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To Devon Romig
cc
Subject Fw: methodology

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
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To psims@eac.gov
cc
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
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To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
cc
Subject Contract Hours

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

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

To [redacted]psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
cc
Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.
----- Original Message -----
From: <wang@tcf.org>
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [redacted]et>
Cc: "Tova Wang" [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM
Subject: Re: Various

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

>
> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.
>
> Tova
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: <psims@eac.gov>
> To: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>
> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <[redacted]>
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM
> Subject: Re: Various
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>
>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to
>> be forwarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.
>>
>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish
>> this off properly.
>> Peg
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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [[redacted]]
>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM
>> To: psims@eac.gov; [redacted]
>> Subject: Various
>>
>> Peg:
>>
>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel
>> reimbursement?
>>
>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one
>> statement in one interview that there is a
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ
>> electoral investigations.
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>> Job
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov
cc
Subject Travel Reimbursement

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

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To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc [redacted]
Subject Re: final report

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

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

"Tova Wang"

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

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

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

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

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

Peg:

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

Job

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

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

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?
> Peggy
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> ---
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM
> To: psims@eac.gov
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cc
Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

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

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

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

Tova and Job:

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

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

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

Peg:

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

Job

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07/03/2006 11:35 AM

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

"Tova Wang"
<[redacted]>
07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc [redacted]
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The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.
Thanks a lot.

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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: FW: methodology

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

[redacted]

07/01/2006 05:30 PM

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher today, signed it, and gave it to Finance. --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/17/2006 01:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [redacted]

Subject RE: final report

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

Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

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

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

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My [redacted] (for only two more weeks!) is [redacted] 362-5223. Thanks.

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

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

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]>

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

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

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

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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
07/17/2006 05:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, [redacted]

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

To Job Serebrov
cc
Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher this morning, signed it, and submitted it to Finance. --- Peggy
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject I'll be in my office :(

212-452-7704

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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
07/17/2006 10:18 AM

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
07/17/2006 10:15 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

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

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

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

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

Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

"Tova Wang" <[redacted]

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

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

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

tel:202-566-3123

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

"Melissa Slemin"
<melissa@hss.caltech.edu>
07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To soverton@[redacted]dena@[redacted]net, maidenberg@[redacted], "'GPM'" <[redacted]>, "'Kristen Engberg'" <KEngberg@JehtFoundation.org>, "'Michael Caudell-Feagan'" <MCaudell-Feagan@pewtrusts.org>, "'Daniel Tokaji'" <tokaji.1@osu.edu>, "'Charles Stewart III'" <cstewart@MIT.EDU>, klynndyson@eac.gov, Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, tmann@brookings.edu

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

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

Regards,
Melissa Slemin

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California Institute of Technology
Voting Technology Project
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fax: 626.405.9841

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

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]@sbcglobal.net>
07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To [redacted]psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

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

--- [redacted]ote:

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

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

07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient:;

cc

Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

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

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

[redacted]

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

Tova Wang
Democracy Fellow
The Century Foundation

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

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

The 3rd batch.
Peg Sims

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

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

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----
From: psims@eac.gov
To: [redacted] ; [redacted]
Cc: dromig@eac.gov
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM
Subject: Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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

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

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

Maximum Lodging = $180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)
Meals & Incidentals = $64 per day (except that it is $48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = $ .445 per mile

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

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

Peggy

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

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05/04/2006 02:32 PM

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

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

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

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

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

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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

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

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

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

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

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Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

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

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

-----Original Message-----
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM
To: [redacted]@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Today's Teleconference

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

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

"Job Serebrov"
<[redacted]>
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>, psims@eac.gov
cc [redacted]
Subject Re: new working group representative

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

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

> is Jon Greenbaum
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> Here' s his info in full:
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> [redacted]
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> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for
> the Lawyers Committee
> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
> Arnwine, the Executive
> Director of the Lawyers Committee.
>
> His contact and mailing info is:
>
> [redacted]
> [redacted]
> 1401 New York Avenue, NW
> Suite 400
> Washington, DC 20005
>
>
>
> Tova Andrea Wang
> Democracy Fellow
> The Century Foundation

> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021
> [redacted]
>
> Visit our Web site, [redacted]
> [redacted] for the latest news,
> analysis, opinions, and events.
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>
> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>
> Click here to receive our
> weekly e-mail updates.
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"Tova Wang"
[redacted]
05/11/2006 02:12 PM

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

It might be an Apple issue

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

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

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

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

Peggy:

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

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:
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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.
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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your
> recommendation and replace
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact
> information for Rogers? ---
> Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
> Re: Good News
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>
> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition
> today after surgery.
>
> See:
> [redacted]orney_23.html.
> 500 Fourth Street NW
> P.O. Box 2168
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168
> [redacted]
> Fax: (505) 848-1891
> Asst: [redacted]
> [redacted]
>
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Job:
> > Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going
> to
> > talk with the Chairman
> > today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do
> > you have contact
> > information for Rogers? --- Peggy
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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
>
05/05/2006 12:09 PM

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 9:16 AM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

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

Does this information help? --- Peggy

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

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

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

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

05/04/2006 03:26 PM
To
psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject
RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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

Craig:

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

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

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

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

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject
RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To
psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To
psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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

05/03/2006 11:56 AM
To
psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

Craig:

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

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

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov
cc
Subject May 18 Meeting

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

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

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

Peggy:

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Job

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV
05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Working Group Travel

Peggy,

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov
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Election Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/08/2006 09:58 PM

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

Peggy:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

> able to obtain Federal
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a
> travel advance, which is
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to
> pay the difference
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred
> for personal
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.
>
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.
>
> Peggy Sims
> Election Research Specialist
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100
> Washington, DC 20005
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120
> (direct)
> Fax: 202-566-3127
> email: psims@eac.gov
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> "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
> Re: Working Group
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> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not
> going
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.
> Two
> to three days in DC would run around $1000 for the
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose
> money.
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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person
> given
> the financial restrictions.
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Job:
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> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
> > 41/2 hours. We really
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help
> > conduct the Working
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy
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> > "Job Serebrov" [redacted]
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM
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> > To
> > psims@eac.gov, [redacted]
> > cc
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> > Subject
> > Re: Working Group
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> > Peggy:
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> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be
> > in
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose
> > money
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait
> > for
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle
> > for
> > this working group meeting to take place in
> person.
> > It
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is
> by
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about
> > the
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.
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> > Job
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> >
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> >
> > > Hi, Folks:
> > >
> > > Teleconference
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference
> > next
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> > > please suggest another
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> > > preparations for the
> > > Working Group meeting.
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> > > Working Group Members
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for
> > the
> > > nonpartisan local
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have
> > no
> > > objections to him. He
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to
> > Pat
> > > Rogers office, but
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have
> > any
> > > pull with him, you
> > > may want to contact him, too.
> > >
> > > Travel Arrangements
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,
> > > including hotel. Travel
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except
> for
> > > hours actually worked on
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> > > preparation for the meeting,
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
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> > > Maximum Lodging = $180 per day- does not include
> > > hotel taxes (if you
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> > > rates that are a little
> > > higher)
> > > Meals & Incidentals = $64 per day (except that
> it
> > is
> > > $48 on the first and
> > > last day of travel)
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = $ .445
> per
> > > mile
> > >
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill
> out
> > a
> > > travel authorization
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> > > Afterwords, when you turn in
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the
> airline
> > > receipt (or mileage
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> > > transportation receipts and a
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> > > total travel expenses due
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=== message truncated ===

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

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

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

Job

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

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> Re: new working group representative
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> Peggy:
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> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me
> not
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come
> back to bite me. I know these people well enought to
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,
> one
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.
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> Job
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> > got to pick three
> > members of the Working Group. The Commission
> > guidance regarding this
> > particular member follows:
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> > 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> > sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> > Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
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> > This issue of allowing a designee relates to
> Tova's
> > pick.
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> > As I understand it, we are working on a
> replacement
> > for Norcross. If
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> > includes public
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> > not try and stir up
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
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> > The effort is likely
> > to come back and bite you.
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> > I really don't care if he represents the
> > organization
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> > going
> > to invite him without first having a replacement
> for
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> > discuss
> > all of this.
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> > > her. He works for her
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
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> > > "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>
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> > > "Tova Wang" <[redacted] psims@eac.gov
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I
> realize
> > > he
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a
> minority
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked
> with
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather
> not
> > > fill
> > > that position since I am one down.
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> > > --- Tova Wang <[redacted]> wrote:
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> > > > is Jon Greenbaum
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> > > > Here' s his info in full:
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> > > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights
> Project
> > > for
> > > > the Lawyers Committee
> > > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing
> > Barbara
> > > > Arnwine, the Executive
> > > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
> > > >
> > > > His contact and mailing info is:
> > > >
> > > > [redacted]
> > > > [redacted]
> > > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW
> > > > Suite 400
> > > > Washington, DC 20005
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To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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To "Job Serebrov" [redacted]@sbcglobal.net>@GSAEXTERNAL>
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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Working Group

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Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

"Job Serebrov"
[redacted]@sbcglobal.net>
05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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To "Tova Wang" <[redacted]>
cc
Subject Re: interview analysis

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

"Tova Wang" [redacted]

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

To psims@eac.gov
cc [redacted]
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

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

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Subject Re: Working Group

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

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Re: Court reporter

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

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV