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To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[Redacted]

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc

>  
05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

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

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

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

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**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group



I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

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

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears to be the best possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not available to attend in person that day (he is available only 2 days during the first three weeks of May). We won't have confirmation of the availability of Secretary Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.

I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can schedule a teleconference on Monday afternoon. ---  
Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

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

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

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/24/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

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

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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wang@tcf.org

05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



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

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

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

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05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.html>

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:

[jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org](mailto:jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org)  
202-662-8315  
1401 New York Avenue, NW  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

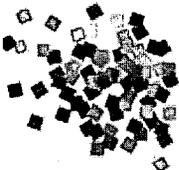
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OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group 

Job:

I don't think we can put you on teleconference for 4 1/2 hours. We really need to have you here in person if you are to help conduct the Working Group meeting. You should make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
--- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Latham  
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>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Update 

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

Peggy:

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

Job

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

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

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

Peg Sims

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

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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

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

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

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

Peggy,

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

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

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

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

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

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

These are just my initial thoughts.

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11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject FW: bibliographic form

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

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

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08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

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

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

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> Tova:

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> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy

>

> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)

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Hey Peg,

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

Tova

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

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

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

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To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

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Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

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

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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



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

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

Thanks.

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10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

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

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

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

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]

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Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

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

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

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Subject Re: Interview Request 

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

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"Wendy Weiser"

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

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**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey  
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV



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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 01:03 PM

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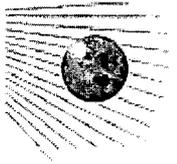
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

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



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

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

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Tom,

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

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 11:42 AM

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08/22/2006 02:09 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

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

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

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

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

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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

08/22/2006 12:50 PM

To: psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov  
cc: "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Does EAC have access to stats on --

-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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10/11/2006 02:37 PM

To: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc: twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

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

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

003999

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:26 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

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

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

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 01:33 PM

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

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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

004000

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

**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/13/2006 01:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
**Cc:** Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding

FYI.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 01:22 PM -----  
"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

James Carrera / KPMG LLP / [REDACTED] / 703 286-8106 (office) / [REDACTED] / 703 995-0325 (fax) /

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/27/2006 12:51 PM

To Bryan Whitener  
cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen

004001

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

Bryan:

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



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 04:20 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ggilmour@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

Who is signing the letter?

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I will IF they sign off on it

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Thomas R. Wilkey  
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10/12/2006 04:14 PM

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

Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

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

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

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

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

004003

10/12/2006 04:09 PM

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

Art Levine  
Salon.com

  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website  
[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

Art Levine  
Senior Fellow  
Progressive Poliy Institute  
3003 Van Ness St. NW, Apt. W-516  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(202) 248-9320  


Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

004004

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 10:59 AM

To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

cc

Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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10/12/2006 05:26 PM

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

Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

004005

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

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

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

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

00400E

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

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



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]  
04/05/2006 05:01 PM

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

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

004007

## 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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Washington, DC 20005  
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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

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

Tony

004008

----- 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

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

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

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:tjsthree@msn.com]

**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,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

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

**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

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

004009

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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2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

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2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
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4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

004010

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Tony

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*Tony*

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

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**To:** [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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

Tony:

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

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. There's no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

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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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

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

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

004015

As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----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

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview [icon]

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

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

"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV

04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am

Regards,

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Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

00401E

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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](mailto: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?

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That's fine, just asking

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
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

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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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info 

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
317-232-6536  
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

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

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"Job Serebrov"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

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

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

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

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"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.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
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

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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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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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 compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

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" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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

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

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

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

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

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

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

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
>

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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
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wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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 that's 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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
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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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

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 -----

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I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[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

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

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

**Background**

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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04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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

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



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Wed Apr 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

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

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](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)) and Tova ([wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info



That time is fine for me. Thanks.

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

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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



"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
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

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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

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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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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



Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running 

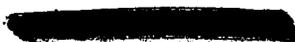
all dial in info is the same!

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

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

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc   
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

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

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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 that's 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

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

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

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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]

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

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]

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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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
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> wang@tcf.org  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

**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"

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?

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> 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

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule  
> this week. Is this the last interview that you were  
> able to arrange?

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



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

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

Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
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 <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

> ----- 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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> cc

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> Subject  
> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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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

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> 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  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Tova and Job:

I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back to say she would be available Wednesday through Friday this week and next week for the interview. Which day and time is best for you and Job?

--- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

donsanto again

To

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

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<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

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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](mailto: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

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

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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wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject donsanto again

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

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

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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto: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 around 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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [tjsthree@msn.com]

**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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**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:

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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]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

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  
> wang@tcf.org  
> 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  
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> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
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> > 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.  
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> > years experience as a county Election  
> Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
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> > 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

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> > 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  
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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
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> > 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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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
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> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
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> > off Tova's list?  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

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

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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](mailto: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

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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](mailto: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  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
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05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

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

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> >  
> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> >  
> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm  
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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:  
> > >  
> > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> > > 202-662-8315  
> > > 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  
> > > phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
> > >  
> > > Visit our Web site, <http://www.tcf.org/>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

@GSAEXTERNAL

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

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To wang@tcf.org

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.

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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"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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

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

Peggy:

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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,

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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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
05/16/2006 01:41 PM

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

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Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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**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>

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