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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

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

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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

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> 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?

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> --- Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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

> Subject

> donsanto again

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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,

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Have A Great Weekend,

Tony

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

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

Tony:

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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

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

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"
[REDACTED]

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

Good Afternoon Peg,

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

Tony

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [Tony Sirvello](#)

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

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

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at 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

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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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"
cc
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

§ 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

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

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

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

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

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

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

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

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> 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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> > local election official to serve on the Working
> > Group. The three of us
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> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > voter registration;
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > familiar with voting fraud
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.

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> > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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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
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> > Elections web site and
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than
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> > Census Bureau. The county
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
> Comal,
> > Hays, Cladwell,
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the
> 1980s,
> > the county was
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent
> > years, many people have
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> > County, preferring to
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.
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> > --- Peggy
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM
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> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc
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> > Re: Working Group
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> > Peggy:
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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
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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"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

004671

Peggy:

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

Barry

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [Barry Weinberg](#)

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

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

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

Sent: 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

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

Barry

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

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

Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well 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:
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.

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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
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> I really don't care if he represents the
> organization
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> going
> to invite him without first having a replacement for
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> discuss
> all of this.
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> > her. He works for her
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
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> >
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
> >
> > To
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > serebrov@sbcglobal.net
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> > 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:
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum
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> > > 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.
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> > > His contact and mailing info is:
> > >
> > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org
> > > 202-662-8315
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW
> > > Suite 400
> > > Washington, DC 20005
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> > > Tova Andrea Wang
> > > Democracy Fellow
> > > The Century Foundation
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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
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1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202)566-2377

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cc wang@tcf.org

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--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

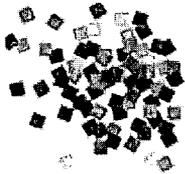
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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
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Washington, D.C. 20005
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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

004678



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

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

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

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

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get
> back to the office, and we can have copies available
> at the meeting.
> Peggy

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

> From: wang

> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

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

> Subject: Fw: research summary

>

> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include

> so as I said I'll just

> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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

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

> To: <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM

> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > T~

> >

> > Are you talking about this?

> >

> > J~

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

05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
Subject: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

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

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



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

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

Thanks!

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



VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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05/16/2006 01:41 PM

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wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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

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To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

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

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

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
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phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/01/2006 03:04 PM

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

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM
To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip (\$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Craig C. Donsanto"
<cdonsanto@yahoo.com>
05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>
cc
Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)
> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail
> address
> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>
>
> Mike - -
>
> As we say back where I come from: this article is
> "wicked pissah"!
>
> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end
> has

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/07/2007 04:31 PM

To eacon@eac.gov
cc
bcc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
Subject Voting Fraud Project-Archived Email Batch 8 (Final)

This is the last batch of archived emails related to the voting fraud study. I have some records concerning the study that are available in hard copy only. I will photocopy them for you as soon as I am able to do so.
--- Peggy Sims

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
10/10/2005 10:44 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Peggy:

Any word on getting us a copy of our contracts?

Job

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
10/03/2005 02:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Tova and Job contracts



Job Serebrov sow.doc Tova Wang sow.doc on
Research Manager
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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Washington, DC 20005
tel:202-566-3123
Karen Lynn-Dys

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
11/21/2005 09:00 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
cc
Subject Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DOJ

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Jeannie:

Thanks for helping me out on this. I talked to Donsanto by phone about the need for his assistance. He said he needs a letter from the chair spelling out the Commission's mandate and how he can help it, and asking him to do so. Attached is the draft. I would appreciate your wordsmithing. --- Peggy



Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DRAFT.doc

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---

Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/16/2005 03:51 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Moving Along

Dear Tova and Job:

Rest assured that I have not ignored your emails. We have a lot going on around here, and have had to use a triage system to tackle all of the things that currently need our attention. I understand that Julie has responded to Tova's question about the September monthly report, indicating that the nomenclature refers to work done in September, not a monthly report due in September. Here are responses to other questions you have raised, and some concerns of mine:

Teleconference - We do need a teleconference this week to discuss some procedural issues and any remaining concerns that you may have. At the moment, my schedule for the remainder of the week is flexible. When would a teleconference be convenient for you two?

Working Group - I am circulating your lists of possible working group members to our Commissioners for review and comment. I will get back to you as soon as I have heard from everyone. This may take awhile, probably through the end of November, as one of our Commissioners is out of the office for an extended period due to a death in the family.

Revised Workplan - Due to political sensitivities regarding this project, it is more important than usual that you act as a team. I noticed several instances on the revised workplan where only one of you is scheduled to be involved. While it seems to me that it would be OK for one or the other to take the lead on a particular aspect of the work (e.g.; developing Westlaw search terms, drafting a research instrument, or setting up interviews), it is very important that both of you be involved in making final decisions on the information gathering process and in the resulting information gathering effort (e.g.; finalizing the Westlaw search terms and reviewing the search results; finalizing the proposed research instrument, administering the survey, and reviewing the survey responses; and conducting interviews).

DOJ Contact - I am working through the DOJ bureaucracy to obtain the input we need from the Election Crimes Branch. I have spoken to the career attorney I mentioned in previous teleconferences, Craig Donsanto. He is very interested in providing information and perspectives that will be useful to the project; but may have to obtain his superior's permission to participate. I will keep you posted on my efforts. Once we have access to him, it will be important to schedule an initial interview at the earliest time convenient for him and the two of you.

Contacting Other EAC Contractors - Questions for other EAC contractors need to be fielded through me. I realize this may seem cumbersome, but there are a number of reasons for this, some involving contractual issues, some procedural and policy issues. I will have to coordinate our activities on this

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project with the EAC project manager for the other EAC research project(s). Together, we will ascertain what the other contractors already have provided to EAC that may answer your questions, perhaps without an interview being necessary, or if the research is not far enough along to provide the information you seek.

Peggy Sims
Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100
Washington, DC 20005
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"Job Serebrov"

11/17/2005 02:44 PM

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

Subject Re: Teleconference

Its ok.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> How about 2 PM EST tomorrow (Friday)? I'll call
> each of you and bring you
> into the conference. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

10/19/2005 12:22 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Working Group List



Benjamin L Ginsberg.doc



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Thor_Hearne_Resume_5_05.pdf



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Dear Peggy:

Here is my list for the Working Group. I still have two out who have not yet responded but there are seven on my current list and you need to pick three. I recommend Roketa, Rogers and Hearne.

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Please let me know your picks asap.

The seven are:

Cleta Mitchell (DC)
Patrick Rogers (NM)
Mark (Thor) Hearne II (MO)
Mark Braden (DC)
David Norcross (DC)
Ben Ginsberg (DC)
Todd Roketa, Sec of State, Indiana (IN)

Regards,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
10/21/2005 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Contracts

I guess I will have to drive folks crazy Monday to make the Tuesday deadline.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> I am sorry to say that I have no further information
> for you at this time.

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> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 10/21/2005 12:38 PM

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> Peggy:

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> Any word on either the final signed contracts or the
> form for the invoice or will I have to become a
> general nuisance on Monday the 24th?
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cc ggilmour@eac.gov

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On the work product, we did send Karen a very preliminary draft of a work plan. I attach it again here and we can talk about it more on Wednesday.

My only money question is, are we being paid on a monthly basis? And if so, when does that begin? I assume this all is in the contracts we'll be getting...

Thanks.

Tova

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 2:48 PM
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
Cc: ggilmour@eac.gov
Subject: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Tova and Job:

Teleconference -

Let's schedule the teleconference for 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5. Gavin Gilmour will join us.

Meeting -

October 28 is fine for the face-to-face meeting in DC. We have allocated \$5,000 to each of you to cover reasonable and necessary travel and other incidental expenses. Expenses claimed for reimbursement need to be itemized, with appropriate receipts provided. You should be able to

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obtain the Federal government rate at an area hotel (if you plan to stay overnight). If the hotel needs a letter from EAC (in lieu of showing them your signed contract), just let me know. Airlines apparently no longer honor government rates for government contractors. Rail carriers may provide government rates for government contractors. If you drive, the current government rate for a personally owned vehicle (POV) is 48.5 cents per mile.

Deliverables -

The first item on the list of deliverables is the draft project workplan, which is due ASAP after award. Would it be possible for the two of you to deliver a draft workplan to me via email by 10/11? That would be after we have had our teleconference to work out lingering questions.

Questions for Finance -

If you have questions for our Finance Officer, you can reach her via email at dscott@eac.gov. I would appreciate it if you would cc: me on such emails, so that I know to follow up with her.



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Peggy Sims
Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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Washington, DC 20005
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/18/2005 04:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject information you requested

Hi Peg,

Attached please find our joint working definition of voter fraud and intimidation.

This is also to let you know that Job and I have agreed that I may speak with political and social scientists with expertise in methodology and data collection alone.

Finally, the types of expenses that we are incurring unrelated to travel include such items as long distance phone calls, particularly between Job and myself, but also between me and the political scientists mentioned above; and books such as John Fund's "Stealing Elections," Andrew Gumbel's "Stealing the Election," and "Deliver the Vote: A History of Election Fraud, an American Political Tradition-1742-2004" by Tracy Campbell, which cost in the \$25 range each. I also ordered the 2005 National Directory of Prosecuting Attorneys for \$50. Another potential expense might be shipping fees if we want to exchange material that cannot be emailed. Please let us know how you would like us to arrange for reimbursement for such expenses.

Thanks.

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Juliet E.
Thompson/EAC/GOV
09/27/2005 10:32 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc

Subject Voter Fraud

Peg and Gavin,

Peg, I know you are out sick today. Hope you are feeling better by the time you get this message.

While we had a kick off conference scheduled for the Legal Resources Website, we did not have one for the Voter Fraud project. We should probably try to schedule a telephone kick off this week. I don't foresee any reason that the conference would have to be in person, do you?

Juliet E. Thompson
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United States Election Assistance Commission
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(202) 566-3100

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"Job Serebroy"

[REDACTED]

11/08/2005 06:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peggy:

As to the clips, your solution will be fine. Do you think the chair will sign the contracts in the next two or so days? Also, when the contracts are signed please make sure our first month invoices are sent for processing.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:
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> I found Gavin. He said that the Chair has the
> letters that have to
> accompany the contracts for you and Tova. Once she
> signs them, the
> finance folks will fax a copy to you and send the
> original by mail.
>
> After we have the signed contracts:
>
> Adjusted Workplan - You and Tova should look at the
> workplan to determine
> what should be revised due to the contract issues.
>
> Working Group - I will ask for a one or two
> sentences for each person you
> have on the list of potential working group members.
> The sentences should
> summarize why you think the person would be perfect
> for this particular
> project. What in their particular experience
> qualifies them to help
> develop recommendations for future avenues of EAC
> research on voting fraud
> and voter intimidation? (Remember, other research
> efforts already are
> underway to address items such as provisional
> voting, voter ID issues, and
> contested elections and recounts.) If you want to
> put an asterisk next to
> the names that you especially recommend, that would
> be fine. I have to
> discuss the potential working group members with our
> Commissioners, only
> one of which is in the office now. Others are in
> the field and I can
> speak with them as they return. I'll bet that this
> will take some time,
> probably through next week.
>
> Westlaw Search - You and Tova can provide more
> information about the
> Westlaw search. I spoke with our Executive Director
> and he authorized me
> to use a part-time legal intern to conduct the
> search and provide the
> results to you and Tova.
>
> Meetings - The three of us should probably decide a
> time for a
> teleconference and a tentative in-person meeting
> date in the
> not-to-distant future.
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> Regarding the election fraud newsclips, Tova was in

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> Job
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"Job Serebrov"

11/16/2005 06:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Moving Along

Peggy:

Friday is best for me to teleconference.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Dear Tova and Job:
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> Rest assured that I have not ignored your emails.
> We have a lot going on
> around here, and have had to use a triage system to
> tackle all of the
> things that currently need our attention. I
> understand that Julie has
> responded to Tova's question about the September
> monthly report,
> indicating that the nomenclature refers to work done
> in September, not a
> monthly report due in September. Here are responses
> to other questions
> you have raised, and some concerns of mine:
>
> Teleconference - We do need a teleconference this
> week to discuss some
> procedural issues and any remaining concerns that
> you may have. At the
> moment, my schedule for the remainder of the week is
> flexible. When would
> a teleconference be convenient for you two?
>
> Working Group - I am circulating your lists of
> possible working group
> members to our Commissioners for review and comment.
> I will get back to
> you as soon as I have heard from everyone. This may
> take awhile, probably
> through the end of November, as one of our
> Commissioners is out of the
> office for an extended period due to a death in the

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

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Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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

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

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

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

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

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

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

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Coliver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist



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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/16/2006 11:03 AM

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

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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

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Subject Your Materials

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To psims@eac.gov
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

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Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud
Voter and fraud
Vote and fraud
Voter and challenge
Vote and challenge
Election and challenge
Election and irregularity
Election and irregularities
Election and violation
Election and stealing
Ballot box and tampering
Ballot box and theft
Ballot box and stealing
Election and officers
Election and Sheriff
Miscount and votes
Election and crime
Election and criminal
Vote and crime
Vote and criminal
Double voting
Multiple voting
Dead and voting
Election and counting and violation
Election and counting and error
Vote and counting and violation
Vote and counting and error
Voter and intimidation
Voter and intimidating
Vote and intimidation
Denial and voter and registration
Voter identification
Vote and identification
Voter and racial profiling
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Poll tax
Voting and test
Absentee ballot and deny
Absentee ballot and reject
Absentee ballot and challenge
Vote and challenge
Voter and challenge
Election and challenge
Vote and police
Voter and police
Poll and police
Vote and law enforcement
Voter and law enforcement
Poll and law enforcement
Vote and deceptive practices
Voter and deceptive practices
Election and deceptive practices
Voter and deceive
Voter and false information
Dirty tricks
Vote and felon
Vote and ex-felon
Disenfranchisement
Disenfranchise
Law and election and manipulation
Vote and purging
Vote and purge
Registration and removal
Registration and purging
Registration and purge
Vote buying
Vote and noncitizen
Voter and noncitizen
Vote and selective enforcement
Identification and selective
Election and misinformation
Registration and restrictions
Election and administrator and fraud

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Election and official and fraud
Provisional ballot and deny
Provisional ballot and denial
Affidavit ballot and deny
Affidavit ballot and denial
Absentee ballot and coerce
Absentee ballot and coercion
Registration and destruction
Voter and deter
Vote and deterrence
Voter and deterrence
Ballot integrity
Ballot security
Ballot security and minority
Ballot security and black
Ballot security and African American
Ballot security and Latino
Ballot security and Hispanic
Ballot security and Native American
Ballot security and Indian
Vote and suppression
Minority and vote and suppression
Black and vote and suppression
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Latino and vote and suppression
Hispanic and vote and suppression
Native American and vote and suppression
Vote and suppress
Minority and vote and suppress
African American and vote and suppress
Latino and vote and suppress
Native American and vote and suppress
Vote and depress
Jim Crow
Literacy test
Voter and harass
Voter and harassment
Vote and mail and fraud
Poll and guards
Election and consent decree
Vote and barrier
Voting and barrier
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Election and long line
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"Tova Wang"
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To psims@eac.gov
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Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

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

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To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

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



"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Your Materials

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Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Your Materials

I fully understand. Do you want me to prepare a correction sheet for the Working Group, placing your second and more important point first, or do you want to handle this verbally at the meeting? --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM

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To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectRE: Your Materials

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

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

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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.

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

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

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New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

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

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
>
05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud
Voter and fraud
Vote and fraud
Voter and challenge
Vote and challenge
Election and challenge
Election and irregularity
Election and irregularities
Election and violation
Election and stealing
Ballot box and tampering
Ballot box and theft
Ballot box and stealing
Election and officers
Election and Sheriff
Miscount and votes
Election and crime
Election and criminal
Vote and crime
Vote and criminal
Double voting
Multiple voting
Dead and voting
Election and counting and violation
Election and counting and error
Vote and counting and violation
Vote and counting and error
Voter and intimidation
Voter and intimidating
Vote and intimidation
Denial and voter and registration
Voter identification
Vote and identification
Voter and racial profiling
Vote and racial profiling
Voter and racial
Vote and racial
Voter and racial and challenge
Vote and racial and challenge
Voter and deny and racial
Vote and deny and racial
Voter and deny and challenge
Vote and deny and challenge
Voter and deny and black
Vote and deny and black
Voter and black and challenge
Vote and black and challenge

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Voter and deny and African American
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Voter and African American and challenge
Vote and African American and challenge
Election and black and challenge
Election and African American and challenge
Voter and deny and Hispanic
Voter and deny and Latino
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Vote and deny and Latino
Voter and Hispanic and challenge
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Voter and deny and Indian
Vote and deny and Indian
Voter and Indian and challenge
Vote and Indian and challenge
Election and Indian and challenge
Poll tax
Voting and test
Absentee ballot and deny
Absentee ballot and reject
Absentee ballot and challenge
Vote and challenge
Voter and challenge
Election and challenge
Vote and police
Voter and police
Poll and police
Vote and law enforcement
Voter and law enforcement
Poll and law enforcement
Vote and deceptive practices
Voter and deceptive practices
Election and deceptive practices
Voter and deceive
Voter and false information
Dirty tricks
Vote and felon
Vote and ex-felon
Disenfranchisement
Disenfranchise
Law and election and manipulation
Vote and purging
Vote and purge
Registration and removal
Registration and purging

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Registration and purge
Vote buying
Vote and noncitizen
Voter and noncitizen
Vote and selective enforcement
Identification and selective
Election and misinformation
Registration and restrictions
Election and administrator and fraud
Election and official and fraud
Provisional ballot and deny
Provisional ballot and denial
Affidavit ballot and deny
Affidavit ballot and denial
Absentee ballot and coerce
Absentee ballot and coercion
Registration and destruction
Voter and deter
Vote and deterrence
Voter and deterrence
Ballot integrity
Ballot security
Ballot security and minority
Ballot security and black
Ballot security and African American
Ballot security and Latino
Ballot security and Hispanic
Ballot security and Native American
Ballot security and Indian
Vote and suppression
Minority and vote and suppression
Black and vote and suppression
African American and vote and suppression
Latino and vote and suppression
Hispanic and vote and suppression
Native American and vote and suppression
Vote and suppress
Minority and vote and suppress
African American and vote and suppress
Latino and vote and suppress
Native American and vote and suppress
Vote and depress
Jim Crow
Literacy test
Voter and harass
Voter and harassment
Vote and mail and fraud
Poll and guards
Election and consent decree
Vote and barrier
Voting and barrier
Voter and barrier
Election and long line
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge
Poll worker and intimidate
Poll worker and intimidation
Poll worker and intimidating
Poll worker and threatening
Poll worker and abusive

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Election official and challenge
Election official and intimidate
Election official and intimidation
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Election official and threatening
Election official and abusive
Poll watcher and challenge
Poll watcher and intimidate
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Poll watcher and threatening
Poll inspector and challenge
Poll inspector and intimidate
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Peg - -

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

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



Working Group Attendees 5-18-06.doc

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

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

Elle L.K Collver

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Coliver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Tent Cards

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

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

05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

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

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

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

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

Ms. Voris' message follows:

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

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

Thanks,
Natalie

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov
Subject Re: press interview 

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

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

Tova Andrea Wang
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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
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To psims@eac.gov
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

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

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 09:25 AM

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

Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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



"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: Question

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am
> at the office (this afternoon).

> Peg

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

> From: "Job Serebrov"

> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Subject: Question

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

05/24/2006 04:57 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: presentation 

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

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

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: RE: presentation

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

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

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

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

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: presentation

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

Thanks Peg. Tova

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: presentation

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject presentation

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

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
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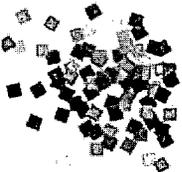
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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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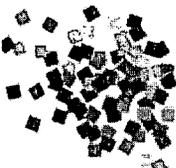
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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
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To psims@eac.gov
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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg --

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

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

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

Craig:

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

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

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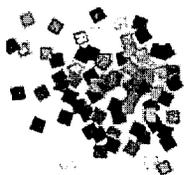
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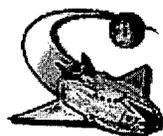


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cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

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

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Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

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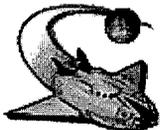
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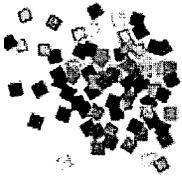
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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

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

Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
 - To collect data
 - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
 - State laws
 - State election offices
 - Specific states
 - Local election officials
 - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
 - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
- Research absentee balloting process issues
 - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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

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

- Academic statistical research

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

- Research State district court actions

- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys

- Explore the concept of election courts

- Model statutes

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Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

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Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers 

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

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject voucher

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

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To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: voucher 

Tova:

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



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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

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Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM

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

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

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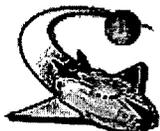
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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject Re: working group

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

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

Elle

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05/15/2006 02:48 PM

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

Elle:

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

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC

Subject working group

Peggy,

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

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

Thanks!

Elle

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05/15/2006 06:41 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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

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

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

2-004753

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

Peggy --

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

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

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

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cc

Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

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



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards 

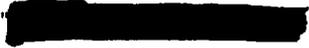
I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which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

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" 

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

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

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

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

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

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

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Peg --

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

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

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

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

Ms. Voris' message follows:

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

Thanks,
Natalie

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation 

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

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

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

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

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
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05/17/2006 03:24 PM

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

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

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

Craig:

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

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"
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To psims@eac.gov
cc

05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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

202-514-1421.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Craig:

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

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

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"
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Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT). Write down the number on you odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy

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05/24/2006 03:16 PM

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

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Subject Re: presentation 

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject presentation

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

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To psims@eac.gov
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Subject RE: presentation

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM
To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: Re: presentation

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